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'Join me for coffee!' says new Mayor



ABOVE: The new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Elizabeth George, held the first charity coffee morning of her year in office. There was a good turnout on Saturday morning (June 4). Money raised on the day will go to her chosen charity, the 'Forget-me-Not Chorus' - a local choir for people with dementia, and their carers. PHOTOGRAPH by MIKE WILCOCK.

Tanya's family (and friends) join in the 'Race for Life'



'Team Junior Jeff'
and 'The Jeffettes' at
Newbridge Fields.

FUNDRAISING to
create a running
track at Y Bont
Faen Primary
School, Cowbridge,
in memory of
Tanya Floyd,
continued last
weekend when
family and friends
joined the 'Race for
Life' in Bridgend.

Tanya Floyd taught in
a Caldicot Primary
School (Undy Primary),
lived near Cowbridge,
and her three sons were
all pupils at Y Bont
Faen.

When she died
suddenly, both
communities were
deeply shocked and
subsequently, the PTA at
Y Bont Faen decided to
raise funds for a running
track in her memory.

Tanya's father, Peter
Clinton, told The GEM:
"Last Sunday, Tanya's
boys and some good
friends took part in The
Race for Life at
Newbridge Fields and
raised an amazing £880
(so far) for the running
track."

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• Council will consult
on plans to expand
Welsh medium
secondary school, p7

COUNCIL CASH HELPS KEEP BUSES ON ROAD

THE Vale Council has received
a Bus Services Support Grant
(BSSG) of £363,809 from the
Welsh Government to support
local bus services for the
2016/2017 financial year.

This sum represents a slight fall
from the previous year, when the
council received £366,347, and it looks

as if bus services in Cowbridge will
continue to receive support.

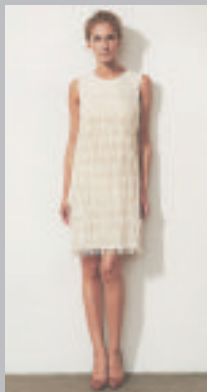
In Cowbridge, the X2 service (from
Cardiff to Porthcawl via Cowbridge
and Bridgend) will receive £42,320 as
a grant to continue its seven-day-a-
week service.

Over in Llantwit Major, bus services
will be supported to the tune of
£218,622 over the next year.

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Silence over court closure

AS from July 1, the Law Court in Bridgend will be closed. All cases will be dealt with in Cardiff, meaning police, solicitors and witnesses will have additional travel costs, more hours spent travelling and waiting times in court.

Court hearing times will list 10 cases for, say, 10am – meaning 'first come, first served' –

instead of at the moment when a solicitor has a case for 10am he can (in many cases) walk from his office to the court.

The same for police and witnesses. Now people from the Valleys will have to take two trains, or a bus and train. Costs for these people will shoot up, but who is going to pay?

During the local elections, how many candidates spoke up about this? What did the Welsh Assembly do about it?

Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

'My honesty backfired!'

YOU ran a message, 'Was your Fiesta damaged near Victoria Park?' in your May 19 edition.

I hope the person who placed the message through you has better fortune than me. I had a similar situation when I tried to park my car in Cowbridge. I scratched the front bumper of a white BMW, and went looking for the owner.

A lady said she knew the owner of the car, so I gave her my details and said I would pay cash for the damage to be repaired.

The car owner was told the following day about the scratch on her car, which she was unaware of, but contacted me and I asked her to take her car to Good As New, a local repair shop for a quotation. She refused to do this and instead insisted on taking the car to the BMW agent, who sent it to a repairer.

Hard-fought freedom

WHAT price freedom? This country fought hard for it between 1939 and 1945, at tremendous cost and loss of life.

If we vote to stay in Europe, who will be ruling this country of ours in 10 or 20 years' time?

The decision is obvious.
L. Jeffery, Dinas Powys.

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'Canned herrings, nuts and other euromyths'

IREAD with amusement the letter last week from Barrie V Evans regarding the EU, nuts, and canned herrings; one thing you can never accuse Brexiteers of is letting the facts ruin a good story!

Although his euromyth can be rebuffed by fact, he inadvertently highlights a major benefit of the EU and that is pan-continent protection of its citizens through consumer law.

Each year in the UK, 10 people die and thousands are hospitalised through anaphylactic shock caused by the ingestion of allergens. For sufferers (and it is predominantly children who are affected) full and detailed knowledge of what they are intending to eat is not just of passing interest but literally a matter of life or death.

The claim that all nut packaging must contain the statement 'contains nuts' is, of course, untrue – check for yourselves! The regulation is clear. If you are simply selling the nuts themselves, it is enough to say what the product is – ie 'almonds', 'Brazil nuts', or whatever.

If the goods are not repacked, the seller is required to inform the purchaser, usually by notification on a loose package, what he has purchased. Not unreasonable, you may think?

The issue regarding the canned herrings is, well, a red herring really! The low-cost supermarket in question was not forced to remove the cans because they did not include the words 'contains fish', but because they did not list any ingredients, some of which were allergens, in English – so customers were unable to check ingredients. "Why worry, anyway?" you say. "Surely the only content is the fish itself?"

Not so! Check any such can and you will see it contains, amongst other things, preservatives, additives, and colourings, some of which may be allergens.

Also, if you are required to list all ingredients, it would seem stupid not to include the main content of the can.

You would be pretty surprised if you picked up a tin of pilschards and on checking the ingredients were informed there was apparently no fish inside. Trust me – somebody would sue!

Of course, euromyths have been peddled

'WHY I'M VOTING OUT'

TO those readers considering voting to stay in the EU, I am voting Out, and here is part of the reason why:

We did not have a vote to join the EU as it is today.

In 2007, when John Major was Prime Minister, he signed an opt-out of the Schengen Agreement; so why has David Cameron allowed over 300,000 migrants in just this year? He has also started selling off the NHS.

The EU overrides British laws, so we cannot send murderers, rapists and terrorists back to their own countries.

Mrs E Martin, Boverton.

around by the anti-EU brigade since the union's inception. Usually generated by tabloid newspapers, they are accepted as fact by the gullible, and perpetuated as such.

There have been many, of course... We were all going to have to drive on the right hand side of the road (maybe not such a bad idea when most under 25s and over 75s seem to do so, anyway!).

We also had the falsehoods about straight bananas, fish having to be described in their Latin name, the banning of firemen's poles, Bombay mix having to be renamed Mumbai mix

and (I jest not) barmaids being required to cover up their cleavage!

Such was the concern over this last misinformation that a well-known help charity noted a 50 per cent increase in phone calls from middle aged men with anxiety problems. It even promoted a national newspaper campaign, "Save Our Jugs".

So ladies and gentlemen, vote as you will on June 23, but please, not on the basis of factually inaccurate stories about nuts, herrings, and bananas! **Christopher Goacher, St Athan.**

'Referendum will not help crisis'

IT was so useful to see it pointed out in your letters column last week, by CN Westerman, that the appalling tragedy of Syria and Libya is nothing at all to do with the EU Referendum.

But even more depressing to see that so much Brexit support depends on this confusion.

The refugee crisis will not be helped or hindered in any way by the UK voting to remain or leave the EU – though I have seen the two deliberately conflated in a London newspaper supporting the Leave campaign.

The achievements of Europe are on a far less spectacular scale; vital to the lives of so many people in Wales, yes, but not nearly so headline grabbing.

The European Union plays a crucial role in meeting the 21st century challenges of climate change, global corporation tax evasion, and tackling terrorism and cyber-crime. It has brought investment,

jobs, worker protection and consumer rights.

More specifically, it has given us paid holidays, equal rights for part-time and temporary workers and guaranteed rights for hundreds of thousands of women every year to take maternity leave – the very rights Leave supporters have said they want to water down.

Now Paralympic icon Baroness Grey-Thompson has warned that leaving the European Union would prevent British people with disabilities benefiting from plans to boost accessibility.

The greatest sadness would be if so many of the very people who, in practice, benefit from the European Union should vote to leave because of this – sometimes deliberate – conflation of the EU with the worldwide refugee problem.

I'm glad The GEM has been able to play a part in helping to dispel this dangerously misleading – and potentially tragic – confusion.

Dr Jean Silvan Evans, Peterston-super-Ely.

'Give roller dance skaters a chance'

IT has come to my notice that the Vale Council is having its grant from the Welsh Assembly cut once again (as in previous years) to help councils like Cardiff City, Bridgend, and Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Rhondda Cynon Taff Council is giving all swimmers at their new lido free use of this facility for the summer season.

Our council tax is to increase again by more than the rate of inflation and it seems that the Vale Council is poorer than the other councils around us, as it is not able to renew the floor at Barry Leisure Centre, which has not been fit for roller dance skating for four – five years.

Four years ago Mrs S Davies, head coach of Glamorgan artistic roller skating club, was told roller skating was

banned, as it had damaged the floor.

Mrs Davies is qualified to teach up to gold medal standard, the only person in the UK with this qualification. She is assisted by five coaches and many parents to run this very successful club with 80 members.

At present, they train at Colcot sports hall on Tuesday (6pm – 8pm) and Sunday morning (10am – 12pm); but the floor is too small for the members to express their undoubted talents. The skaters need floor space the size of Barry Leisure centre to compete with other clubs all over the country.

Surely some money can be found for these kids to express their talent? I think that Mrs Davies and her team have been very patient and need to be given a chance to use this facility and develop the club.

Cybil Roberts, Penarth.

'Dog not muzzled'

IWAS walking my small dog on the promenade at the Knap, Barry, on Tuesday May 31 when he was attacked by a large dog, causing injuries which will take time to heal and have cost me to have him treated.

The essential point to note is that the persons in charge of that dog must know that it is prone to attack – because they had a muzzle, but instead of it being on the dog, one of them had it in his hand – leaving the dog free to attack and injure an

animal, or even a child. Those people and their dog went off unconcerned after the attack. My preoccupation with my own dog prevented me from taking action to try to identify them – beyond calling out that they ought to be more responsible for their dog, which had dark grey fur, flecked with light grey and white.

If anyone can help identify those concerned, and their dog, I would be grateful so that I can take appropriate action. Please write c/o The GEM.

I have, of course, given a written report of this attack to the police. **Marc Delaney.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
09 Thur	10.17	9.5	22.36	9.3
10 Fri	10.59	9.0	23.21	8.9
11 Sat	11.47	8.5		
12 Sun	00.09	8.4	12.38	8.1
13 Mon	01.03	8.0	13.39	7.8
14 Tues	02.07	7.8	14.49	8.0
15 Wed	03.15	7.9	15.53	8.0
16 Thur	04.17	8.0	16.48	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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June sun brings out the local WI branch members

THE June meeting of Ystradowen and District Wbrought us out in big numbers and glorious evening weather.

We were met with the news that our advertised speaker was unable to attend, after a mix-up with airline flights. However, one of our members was persuaded to stand in and we were entertained with her recollections and a look at the making of a television soap opera in the 1980s.

Part of the talk was the reading of a short extract from an original 1985 script. The scene involved a youngish couple in an intimate scene which ended with an offer of a glass of wine... *Jan Foyle and Moyra May gave us a moving rendition, but it was felt that they should not consider it as a career path!*

The president read out a thank-you letter from Claire Atherton, who had attended our AGM in May as WI advisor.

Her letter was very complimentary about the running of our branch and she thanked us for her warm welcome.

Jan Foyle had recently attended the annual council meeting of the Glamorgan Federation and gave us a potted report of the proceedings.

There had been a goodly number of new members during the year, and regrettably two branches had been closed.

The guest speaker was Daphne Furneaux, who gave a memorable demonstration of flower arranging whilst still managing to give an interesting lecture.

Emma Leeke added to the enjoyment by giving an insight into the history of Leekes department store, and John Benjamin, of Antiques Roadshow fame, was also there to provide even more entertainment.

Our meeting closed with a reminder that on July 23, the WI show will be held in North Cornelly Hall and that we already had five entries from our branch. *A reminder also that we meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Ystradowen, and always welcome new members and visitors.*

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Cowbridge Art Society presents a double bill

IN a change to the published programme, the Cowbridge Art Society will meet on Thursday, June 16, when National Museum of Wales curator, Clare Smith, will give a presentation on the work of David Jones and Eric Gill.

Cowbridge Art Society welcomes artists or non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics. It meets on Thursdays (7pm-9pm) at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

New members and (for a small fee) visitors are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.



EU referendum campaign hits the streets of Cowbridge



IT was a town hall turf war last Saturday (June 4) in Cowbridge when both sides of the EU debate (literally) set their stalls out.

Much has been made of the split in the Conservative Party. The PM doesn't care for Boris, while Sir John (Major) doesn't trust Michael (Gove). On the streets of Cowbridge, there

was evidence of these divisions, with the Conservatives' Vale Assembly candidate, Ross England, on the leave side, and David Melding AM on the other.

The GEM trusts though, that it was all much more civilised in Cowbridge!

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

Come and grow wild on Midsummer's Eve!

COWBRIDGE Community Allotments are holding a Midsummer's Eve community

celebration on Saturday, June 18 from 3pm; all welcome.

Activities include flower crown and flower ring making with Eva from The Flower Hive (4pm-6pm); making seed bombs and sowing a wild flower area, plants and produce sale. Bring a picnic or food for the barbecue. Musicians welcome! Allotment members will be on hand to show people around the site.

The event is funded by a Grow Wild lottery grant, which the community allotments have received this year. Grow Wild is the UK's biggest ever wild flower campaign, bringing people together to

transform local spaces with native, pollinator-friendly wild flowers and plants.

The Grow Wild funding has also enabled the allotments to plant a community orchard of native fruit trees. The allotment site is under the bypass behind Millfield Drive – accessed via the footpath from the rear of the town hall carpark, or from the track between Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports pitches on the Aberthin Road, where there is parking space.

For more information, visit www.cowbridgeca.btck.co.uk or the Cowbridge Community Allotments page on Facebook.

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Tireless Phil's trials for Tŷ Hafan hospice



Phil Groom for Tŷ Hafan.

PHIL Groom, 47, from St Mary Church, is embarking on a year-long quest of challenges and adventures for Tŷ Hafan, because "childhood is precious".

Tŷ Hafan offers comfort, care and support to life-limited children and their families, helping them make the most of the time they have left together. For Tŷ Hafan to offer this unique service free of charge to families in Wales, it raises £4 million each year.

Mr Groom hopes to contribute by raising at

least £1,500, hopefully more, by the end of 2016. He has already completed a six-hour 'mountain bike enduro', the Carten (Cardiff to Tenby) ride and the 90-mile Cardiff Vellothon.

Next stop on June 11 is 'Man v Horse', Wales' infamous cross-country race where humans pitch themselves against horses over an eye-watering – and gruelling – 22 miles!

If you'd like to help Tŷ Hafan visit Phil's Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/PhilGroomQue). Here you can see photos and updates and hear about the other adventures planned for the rest of the year.

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St George and the Dragon at Lllancarfan explained



Professor Maddy Gray.

THE Cowbridge U3A history group was given a talk at the May meeting by Madeleine Gray, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the University of south Wales, Newport.

Among her areas of expertise are medieval and early modern Welsh history, church history and medieval Welsh tomb carvings; she is one of Wales's foremost history scholars.

Professor Gray's illustrated talk centred on the medieval wall painting of St George and the dragon at St Cadoc's church at Lllancarfan.

This was the first picture revealed underneath the whitewash in 2008 and is notable for its size, completeness and the vividness of the colour.

The huge figure of St George is depicted stabbing the dragon, whose head extends round the adjacent window frame, while the horse almost seems to be

bursting out of the wall.

The scene has associated characters: a king and queen watching from a castle, the Virgin Mary bestowing her blessing on St George, and a princess with a lamb. Compared to the other figures, the princess is poorly-drawn.

Professor Gray wondered if this was the work of the artist's less-talented apprentice. There is even a man peeking out of a castle window, whose significance may never be known.

As the dragon has long been the national emblem of Wales, it would appear to be strange to see it being subdued (if not slain) by a knight who is known as the patron saint of England (even if Lllancarfan was an anglicised area).

However, Prof Gray gave examples of similar depictions in Wales, including one at the church in Llanmaes. There was even a shrine to St George near Abergele, which was a



ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

pilgrimage destination.

It appears that St George was not adopted officially as England's patron saint until the 16th Century.

The date of the wall paintings is based on the dress of some of the characters depicted and is broadly that of the late 15th Century, while experts consider the armour of the knight to be of an earlier design.

The saddle of his charger may well be 14th Century style. It could be that the artist was attempting to show St George galloping out of history to save the present from danger.

Professor Gray argued that the painting was quite probably undertaken during the reign of Henry VII, a monarch with both Welsh and English ancestry, who was known to foster the cult of St George (the king owned a relic of the saint, reputedly a piece of his leg bone).

The scene is an allegory showing his English supporters that the Welsh are under control, while

confirming that his Welsh connections are still important to him.

The single ostrich feather near the horse's head may well be a reference to Henry's eldest son, Arthur, Prince of Wales, whose tomb has a similar carving.

The story is well-known; Arthur died, aged only 15, and his brother, Henry (the future Henry VIII) married his widow, Catherine of Aragon. It was Henry's failed attempt to have a divorce from Catherine ratified by the Pope that resulted in the Reformation.

Protestant theology caused the 'blotting out' of religious images in churches and so the wall paintings at Lllancarfan were whitewashed over, to remain hidden for over 450 years.

To see the paintings, Lllancarfan church is open every day until June 22, when the conservationists return and public access will be stopped, to control the temperature and humidity during the on-going restoration work.

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YOUNG PUPILS READY TO SNAP 'MINI BEASTS'



LEFT: Y Bont Faen pupils at the photography masterclass.

A COWBRIDGE estate agent has been helping local pupils develop their digital skills by hosting a photography masterclass.

Staff from Herbert R Thomas (HRT) estate agents ran two workshops for year one and year two pupils at Y Bont Faen Primary School, were given tips on how to take professional images with iPads and digital cameras.

The pupils will be taking photos of insects to coincide with the school's theme of 'mini beasts' will be entered into this year's Welsh

National Eisteddfod. HRT is the main sponsor of Y Bont Faen's PTA, and over the past year has had a presence at a number of events at the school. Last year, the estate agents ran a similar photography masterclass for year six pupils.

Julia Adams, headmistress of Y Bont Faen Primary said: "This type of activity is fantastic for building team working skills, as well as giving the children the opportunity to explore their creative side. They had a lot of fun, and took some fantastic photos, and it's given them a chance to practice before the 'mini beasts' competition."

Race for life: 'REMARKABLE TIME'

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Peter continued:

"Joseph and Elis Floyd, 11 years old, reached the finishing line in an amazing 23mins and their younger brother Finley Floyd, eight years, finished in a remarkable 28mins.

"The Junior 'Team Jeff', comprise Joseph, Elis, Finley Floyd, Celyn and Oliver Jones.

"The Jeffettes are Laura Jones, Caryn Gwilliam, Carys Beames, Lynette Dungey, Menna Jones, Jo Bain Venn Williams,

and supported by Emma Thomas (who couldn't run through injury)."

The adoption of variations of the 'Team Jeff' name has come about because the older family members are running under that banner when they tackle local runs, also to raise funds for the running track.

Peter added: "Team Jeff (the men) will be doing their second 'Invincible' run at Pembrey on July 2.

"The family would like to thank the communities of Cowbridge and Undy for all their support and donations to Y Bont Children's Charity, Bridgend, Cancer Research Wales and Y Bont Faen's community all-weather running track."

Bus plans

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The 95 (Monday to Saturday, Llantwit to Cardiff), will receive £76,665.

Also, the 303/304, which runs between Bridgend, Llantwit and Cardiff, will receive £141,957 to assist the cost of the seven-day service.

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Defibrillators
A presentation and public defibrillator training will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 10am in the Treos Community Hall.

It is hoped 30 people will be trained to use the defibrillator; Llangan Hall will also benefit. These machines have been purchased with a grant from Welsh Hearts.

Saron service

The next service in Saron Chapel, Treos, will take place on Sunday, June 12 at 3pm when the officiating clergy is Pastor Shaku Vandi. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

Child's plea
WHEN driving through the lanes in the vicinity of Llandow recently, I came across a sign: 'Please drive carefully, my daddy works here'. It seems to be the entrance to farm land.

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RED ARROWS OVER ISLAND THIS SUNDAY!

THE Red Arrows are returning to Barry Island this Sunday, June 12, at 12 noon – for what should be a thrilling afternoon.

Last time the world famous aerobatic team appeared in the skies above Barry, thousands turned out on the Island and at vantage points in the town.

The display is all part of the Festival of Transport.

Roads are likely to be congested on the day so people are advised to consider the 'park and ride' shuttle train service

being operated by Barry Tourist Railway from the Waterfront Station to Barry Island starting at 9.15am.

Organisers point out it's also an opportunity for people to go to the revamped pleasure park.

John Buxton, director of Barry Tourist Railway, said: "We are really excited about the event and my company, Cambrian Transport is pleased to be the main sponsor of the Red Arrows display."

"I'm pleased that we have enlisted the support of many Barry Island traders this year to help make the display happen including John's Café,

Marco's, O'Shea's Café and Danter's Fun Fair.

"Our last 'Red Arrows' event brought over 40,000 people to Barry Island and year by year it's growing."

The transport festival is becoming one of the biggest events of its kind in the country with a comprehensive display of road transport vehicles including vintage buses, lorries, cars, motor-cycle displays and military vehicles.

There will also be auto jumble and vintage stalls on the promenade, and Barry at War Museum inside Barry Island Station.

MP wants 'ugly' sub-station moved

MP Alun Cairns brought Western Power Distribution's senior executive in Wales to see for himself the controversial electricity sub-station erected in the picturesque village of Colwinston.

The sub-station was built as a result of a new housing development, which was opposed by the community and Mr Cairns. Many residents feel the sub-station is out of character with the village and causes access difficulties to the local school.

Senior executive for Western Power Distribution in Wales, Phil Davies, explained to Mr Cairns that the sub-station was erected in its current location, adjacent to St David's Primary School, after receiving guidance from the Vale Council.

He went on to discuss options to reduce its impact on the village with the MP and with community representative, Peter Graham-Wollard.

Mr Cairns, who is Secretary of

State for Wales, said he is determined to work with the community council and Redrow, whose development required the sub-station, to secure an acceptable solution for the village.

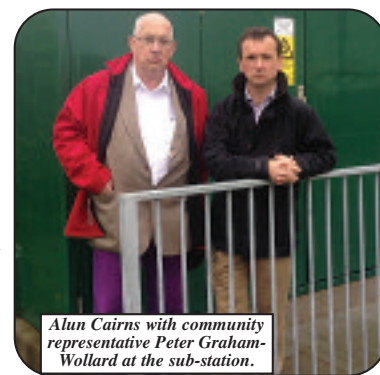
He said: "I am glad Western Power Distribution agreed to meet with me and local residents in Colwinston to discuss the problem."

"Redrow, whose development has caused this issue, must join with me and the community council and take some responsibility for facilitating a solution."

"Local people are understandably annoyed that an ugly metal green box has been unceremoniously put up in the village."

"There are also very real concerns about the safety of schoolchildren, whose route along the verge is impeded by the station."

"It has obstructed the proposed route of a footpath to the school, and with parents parking on either side of the road, it will force children to walk in the middle of the road."



Alun Cairns with community representative Peter Graham-Wollard at the sub-station.

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THE GLAMORGAN YFC TO HOST TRACTOR RUN

GLAMORGAN Young Farmers, with the support of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society, are holding a special tractor run around the county.

Each year, the chairperson of Wales Young Farmers Club (YFC) sets a charity challenge to mark their year in office. Vicky Hope, current Wales YFC Chairman, came up with the idea of a 'future's fund' to secure finances for members' personal development on a county and national level.

On Saturday, June 18, road legal tractors, 4x4 vehicles and ATVs will set off on a scenic route around the county. A special appearance will be made by the Wales YFC purple tractor, which has been specially branded and donated by the Tallis Amos Group for the Wales-wide tractor run taking place in YFC counties.

Starting at Llanilid Farm, Pencoed, by permission of the Griffiths family, drivers are asked to meet at 8.30am for registration (entry £10) and refreshments before hitting the open road at 10am.

There will also be a raffle and at the return of the vehicles a social gathering will be



The Wales YFC tractor.

enjoyed, followed by a barn dance at Windmill Farm, Llansannor, hosted by Maendy YFC to round off the day.

Glamorgan YFC chairperson, Kay Lewis-Thomas, said: "As one of the smallest counties in YFC organisation, we are thrilled to be supporting Vicky and the work of Wales YFC. Together with the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society, we welcome everyone to join us for an action packed day."

For further information, contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas, on 07779 331839 or email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk. You can also follow updates on our Facebook page (GlamorganYFC) and Twitter account (@GlamorganYFC).

Chairman issues 'thank you' to festival visitors

ORGANISERS of Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink are "happy" that the event proved successful once more.

Russ James, the festival chairman, said: "We feel the festival was a great success, due to the excellent new layout on the main site, the extended food court and the new fringe events at Old Hall Gardens, all of which worked well for traders and visitors alike."

"Of course, the wonderful weather we had over the two days was great for the visitors and helped generate a party atmosphere, not only for the festival, but the town."

"Finally, we would like to thank everyone who visited Cowbridge to make it such wonderful festival."



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SEA OF SHINING PINK AS HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN THE RACE FOR LIFE'

SOME ran, some walked. Some strolled, while others danced.

Some were even in wheelchairs, or took their dogs – but they all took part in the 2016 'Race for Life'.

Held on Sunday, June 5, at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend, hundreds of women and girls – as well as the occasional boy – made their way around the course in the blazing sunshine.

Each person taking part had their own unique reason to run, but they were all there to celebrate the lives of those who struggle against cancer, some of whom have been lost, and to help raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.



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Vale Council to consult public Welsh medium school's plans to expand as demand grows

THE Vale Council is launching a Vale-wide consultation on plans to expand Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry to meet an expected rise in pupils wanting to attend a Welsh-speaking secondary school.

The council's current estimates are that an extra 300 places will be needed by 2020, as pupil numbers rise from 1,150 to 1,450.

Technically, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg has an existing capacity of 1,361, as it became an "all through" 3 - 19 school after the amalgamation of Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in September 2015.

The schools were previously federated in September 2012 under a single governing body and headteacher. Nant Talwg has a pupil roll of 210, while Bro Morgannwg has 1,161.

However, the council does not anticipate an increase in primary school numbers over the next four years at Nant Talwg.

A six-week consultation exercise will begin on June 20, as the council seeks the views of "stakeholders".

This course of action follows a previous council plan, discussed in 2015, that would have expanded Ysgol Bro by moving it to the site of Bryn Hafren School.

However, that plan was dropped after opposition from a number of areas, including the teachers'

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unions.

The current plan is for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg to expand on its existing site, while a new 11-18 mixed sex school will be built on the site of Barry Comprehensive School, and a modern, 11-18 mixed sex school will be supplied by refurbishing and modernising the Bryn Hafren buildings.

A separate consultation exercise will be held about these proposals at a later date, probably in July.

Estimating pupil numbers in the future is never an exact science but the Vale Council says that demand for Welsh medium secondary education is forecast to increase significantly from September 2018, as pupils from two new Welsh medium primary schools, established in Llantwit Major and Barry in September 2011, begin to feed into the secondary sector.

Also, the capacity of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant was increased in September 2015 from a one form entry to two forms. The additional pupils from this school are likely to require a Welsh medium secondary school place from 2022 onwards.

The Vale Council officers go on to say that it is difficult to forecast demand for Welsh medium secondary school places with any degree of certainty beyond 2026, as it is largely dependent on demand for places in the primary sector - which has plateaued over the past two years - and the percentage of pupils continuing on into the

sixth form.

The current estimate is that Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg will need to increase its secondary phase capacity from 1,151 places to 1,450 places, an overall increase in school capacity of 299 places or 22 per cent.

The additional places would be provided in the form of an extension to the school. Issues with the condition and accessibility of the current building would be addressed at the same time.

A new 3G pitch would be provided along with improvements to the

reception, parking and external areas. The estimated cost of the building work is £19.3 million.

For Plaid Cymru, Coun Chris Franks a member of the Vale Council's Learning and Culture Committee said: "I welcome this next step in addressing the growth in Welsh medium education."

"We need also to quickly face up to the challenges of the English medium secondary schools in Barry. Across the town, the Vale Council must give secondary education a high priority. We must not allow any further drift. The future of pupils depends on it."

Musical treat at the press of a button!

MEMBERS OF St Nicholas WI were pleased to welcome back president Fran Mitchell and the same officers and committee, who were all re-elected at our annual meeting in May.

Fran introduced the speaker, musician Penny Weedon, known to many WI branches in the Vale.

Penny brought her husband and her 'travelling light' orchestra, an amazing new keyboard with an immense range of musical and instrumental options, and even a duet accompaniment, available - seemingly at the press of a button or a

wiggle of the toes!

Under Penny's enthusiastic playing, we tapped our feet and drummed our fingers to everything from Wagner to musicals, interspersed with entertaining anecdotes from her life in music, and finishing with an introduction to her latest instrument, a small turquoise accordion.

It was a delightful hour of light-hearted music which we all enjoyed.

After refreshments, minutes were read and we were pleased to hear that the plant sale at the annual meeting raised £83, and the leftovers from it brought in a further £100 at Wenvoe WI's annual table top sale.

The county newsletter was read and events noted, also a letter from Jane Exell, our WI advisor at the annual meeting, thanking us for our welcome and the fish and chip supper.

Final details of our summer outing to Hampton Court Castle were announced and a reminder of the coffee morning on July 9 at Bonvilston Reading Room (in aid of Denman WI College), where members of the public would be very welcome.

Our next meeting takes place in St Nicholas church hall at 7pm on Thursday, July 7.

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TODDLERS' AND MUMS' ROYAL BIRTHDAY PARTY



The children with the birthday table.

THE Colwinston Mother and Toddler group came to St Michael's Church to hold a special birthday service for the Queen.

Hymns 'I Vow to Thee My Country' and 'O Jesus, I have

Promised 'were sung, and the children read lines about the Queen. Mums read a poem written by a 95-year-old veteran from Portsmouth and an extract from the Queen's 21st birthday speech, when she promised to serve, however long or short her

life. The children then brought cakes, a crown and birthday cards to the front and sang 'Happy Birthday' to Queen Elizabeth.

After the service, delicious birthday cakes were eaten and enjoyed by all!

Golf championship will give a big boost to Porthcawl... A £500K BONANZA FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY

THE top UK amateur golf event - the Amateur Championship - comes to Porthcawl next week, with organisers emphasising the local economic boost that can be expected, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

The 121st Amateur Championship gets under way from June 13 to June 18 at the Royal Porthcawl and Pyle & Kenfig golf clubs, and is set to bring a £500,000 cash boost, and raise the profile of Porthcawl, as the event will be broadcast on Sky TV, and other outlets.

The event is in two stages, with a 36-hole qualifying strokeplay over the first two days (June 13-14). Each entrant will play one round at the Royal, and one at P & K.

The 64 lowest scores will then go on to play matchplay knockout over 18 holes at the Royal Porthcawl, culminating with a 36-hole final on Saturday, June 18.

An independent event impact study,

commissioned by the R&A, from Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Centre calculates that 3,500 commercial bed nights are required to accommodate the 288 competitors from 34 countries taking part.

In addition to the cash injection, direct into the local economy, golf tourism locally will benefit from four days of television highlights broadcast on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland and via local satellite service providers in other territories.

The R&A's executive director - championships, Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, said: "The Amateur Championship receives a warm welcome wherever it is staged and we are delighted that it also makes a significant contribution to golf tourism locally."

"The majority of the field will be facing the test of these fine Welsh links courses for the first time and it is a great opportunity for spectators to see the top flight in the amateur game in action".

The Bridgend County Borough Council leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "We hope the best amateur golfers in the world will enjoy testing themselves on two of the county borough's great courses."

"Golf tourism is important to the area and I am sure our local businesses will welcome an early summer boost to trade."

Tickets for the Amateur Championship are free, and free parking will also be available at

both courses. However, there will be a charge for parking at the Rest Bay car park.

The Amateur Champion wins a place in next month's Open Championship at Royal Troon and next year's US Open at Erin Hills, Wisconsin. Traditionally, an invitation is also extended to play in the Masters Tournament at Augusta next year.

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'Let's grasp success on Barry Island!'

AS many regular readers of this column will remember, I was very keen to ensure that work on the Barry Island fairground was able to go ahead last summer.

The reason is now plain to see. The crowds are flocking once more to Barry Island, the

beach is heaving and for local businesses, trade is booming. The Vale's chief town is restored as south Wales' iconic seaside location.

Henry Danter, the fairground operator, and all those who are working so hard to turn that recently derelict site into a powerful tourist draw, deserve huge credit.

As do the Barry Island traders, who didn't desert the Island in less profitable downturn years and have invested and updated their businesses into real assets for the town; creating jobs and boosting our local economy.

Coachloads of people, more than have

arrived on the Island for decades, are turning up on the weekends. The word has got out across the country that the fairground is back, and so is Barry Island.

With Mr Danter aiming to invest £20 million as he rebuilds the attraction, we have solid grounds to believe that this engine of Barry's renewed tourism success will only become more powerful.

There is, however, far more to do on the Island to ensure that it reaches its full potential and brings the town, triumphant, to the glory of its heyday.

Firstly, we need to take advantage of the economic conditions

created by the UK Government's long-term economic plan and secure substantial private investment.

I want to work with all key stakeholders, to ensure that the Nell's Point site is used for a high-quality, year-round, visitor-pulling location. The site, currently a car-park, has some of the best views in the UK and thus enormous potential.

Secondly, but by no means less important, is transport infrastructure. The development of the Nell's Point site shouldn't mean a reduction in parking spaces. The car remains the most important mode of visitor transport.

There is scope for those spaces to be replaced elsewhere on the Island – I have suggested adding an additional story in the style of the Mermaid Quay car park in Cardiff Bay.

Whatever local people and businesses decide is the correct way to replace the parking spaces, plans must get under way around the same time as the Nell's Point car park is closed to minimise the potential for parking chaos.

On the subject of road infrastructure, the Island still awaits the completion of the link road to the Waterfront. This road, which the council and the Welsh

Government told us would be ready for the last summer season, is now nearly finished in time for this summer.

The importance of this link can't be overstated. It is necessary not only to ensure that visitors are not put off by the prospect of queuing on or off the Island, but also to ensure that successful summer months do not become a nightmare for Island residents.

In terms of rail, the number of services to the Island terminating at Barry station is far too high; 437 journeys were cancelled en-route to the Island last year to reduce delays along the line.

I am taking this issue forward to Arriva and Network rail in the hope of ending the reality of

a taxi-journey or long walk for as many commuters and visitors as possible.

The Barry Festival of Transport takes place this weekend. Roads, reliable rail services and parking spaces, may not be as interesting as heritage omnibuses or the Red Arrows, but should be at the forefront of decision-makers' minds, going forward.

To paraphrase a great man, this isn't the end of Barry Island's regeneration, not even the beginning of the end, but it is the end of the beginning.

It's time to secure private investment and proper transport links to ensure that success is wholly grasped.

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BARRY ISLAND FESTIVAL ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

CROWDS flocked to Barry Island last weekend for its first ever 'Beats, Eats and Treats' weekend festival.

Organised by the Vale Council with financial support from Barry town council, it showcased craft, culture, food and drink from the region.

Pop-up restaurants, including Meat and Greek, Purple Poppadum, Ffwrnes Pizza and Mr Croquewich, kept the crowds fed, while local producers Vale Cider and Thomas a Lilford Brewery helped to slake the thirst on such a

warm day. Stalls from the Vale's twin towns – Fecamp in France, Rheinfelden in Germany and Mouscron in Belgium – added a continental feel to the weekend.

Rheinfelden's glass-blowing Coun Wilfred Markus entertained everyone with his skill in producing many different glass pieces.

Live music provided the soundtrack for the day in the form of samba, folk, brass and to keep the German oompah band theme going.

Coun Neil Moore, leader of the Vale Council, said: "Our first

Beats, Eats and Treats festival was an overwhelming success.

"It demonstrates that Barry Island can host an impressive event, and my thanks go to everyone that worked so hard to make the weekend so enjoyable, for so many."

The summer schedule of events continues on Barry Island with the Red Arrows at the Transport Festival on Sunday, June 12 and the Barry Island Weekenders programme running throughout July and August.

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Toulon tour for Cowbridge under-13s



IN the early hours of last Thursday, Cowbridge under-13s left for a much anticipated short tour to Toulon, in the sun-kissed south of France.

Our flight left Heathrow at 7am, and was one of the last to defy the French air traffic controllers' strike, with us shortly arriving in Marseille. After a quick check in, it was down to the beach and a welcoming dip in the Med (the beach bar was the venue for most of the dads!).

Some sightseeing in Toulon preceded the early evening match against Rugby U.S. Seynoise, a junior feeder club for the mighty Toulon RCT.

It was a baptism of fire for our lads, with the French juniors running out clear winners, thanks in part to the fact that the majority of the team were 14 and 15 year olds, and of considerable size, with speed and ability to match (some were taller than our coaches!).

In fairness to the Cowbridge lads, they coped well, and did not drop their heads, despite the 26°C on-pitch temperature. In this match, Morgan Harris (age 10) joined his big brother Dave to play a

part in the game.

The walking wounded included Iestyn Pithers and Morgan Thomas, both on the receiving end of some committed running by the French backs.

The post-match hospitality by was most welcome, with Harry Whitaker giving a well received thank-you speech in fluent French, and club trophies exchanged.

Saturday was an early start, with kick off at 10am at another local club – Rugby Club Du Pay Six Fournais. Before the match started both teams lined up and sang their national anthems, which were blasted out on the ground PA system – a really nice touch by our genial hosts.

A thriller of a game followed, with both sides playing fast, open rugby, again in warm conditions, but on a firm verdant pitch.

There was a greater parity in terms of age and size with this side, but they still managed to field an enormous, 6'3", 14 stone 'man-mountain' of a prop, though he was felled by fearless tackles from the diminutive Tom O'Connor and Elis Greenwood on several occasions. Charlie Lock also put in a cracker of a tackle on one of the big French runners.

However, the French lads were on top at half time, but Cowbridge fought back fiercely with some hard yards won by forwards Will Clarke and Maximus Hall (later awarded man of the match by his French adversaries).

Shortly after kick off, a quick pass by Jack Riley to Charlie Locke and on to Oliver Jarman, who put James Gilvear away with a well timed pass at the halfway line.

James had a lot to do, and stepped inside his defender, outstripping two chasing players to score a fabulous individual try. This was converted by Luke Gregory from a position close to the touchline and with the narrowest of angles – a superb strike to bring Cowbridge back into contention.

Shortly after, strong forward play took Cowbridge to the French line, by Lucas Reid, Gruff Ford, and some maizy running from Kofi Jones and Jakob Tiessen, where the industrious hooker Mathew Gilvear was held up short. Iwan Thomas Bartle at scrum half scored a real poacher's try, in the narrowest of gaps.

With the game even, the French threw everything into attack, and despite heroic tackling from Louis

Decaux, James Davies, and both Rhys Williams', almost inevitably, a well worked French try by one of the fast, athletic backs sealed the win for the home side, which although disappointing, did not impact on the occasion as it was a wonderful and well spirited game, enjoyed by players and supporters alike.

There followed an after match reception on the club roof terrace, and a prearranged surprise visit from Leigh Halfpenny which was a thrill for both sets of players (and dads!).

Lee spent over an hour signing shirts, having photos and chatting. He generously gave his time, which we all were grateful for – a true ambassador for Welsh/French rugby.

We had time for one last visit to the beach and a farewell dinner (and late night) sing song (Paul Greenwood on the banjo again!), before it was time to hastily pack and leave early on Sunday morning.

What a great trip. It was a 'coming of age' experience for many of

the lads, who will hold many fond memories of their French sojourn.

A big thanks to all who worked so hard to make the trip so successful (these tours don't just happen!), and to all who worked tirelessly to fund raise also.

We hope to reciprocate with the French teams maybe next year, and for anyone who would like to see photographs of the trip (of which there are many!), please visit <https://goo.gl/photos/UVBnKWtgmPcFWrL6>.

Squad: Iwan Thomas Bartle, James Davies, Louis Decaux, Gruff Ford, Matthew and James Gilvear, Luke Gregory, Max Hall, Morgan and David Harris, Oliver Jarman, Kofi Jones, Charlie Locke, Tom O'Connor, Iestyn Pithers, Lucas Reid, Jack Reilly, Morgan Thomas, Jakob Tiessen, Harry Whitaker, Rhys Williams, Rhys Williams. Coaches: Richard Harris, Rob Kiff, Rob Bartle, Dewi Decaux. Cultural attaché – Dr Jeremy Hall.

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Asylum seeker sets his sights on classroom

AFTER fleeing Sir Lanka due to political hostility and ethnic conflicts, Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) student Priyantha Gamage is now aiming to continue his studies and become a teacher in the UK.

Mr Gamage has spent three years as an asylum seeker in the UK and is still awaiting a final decision on his case.

This has left him unable to work to fund his studies to improve his English and become a teacher in the UK.

However, following dialogue with the Refugee Council and interview process, he has been awarded the



Priyantha Gamage
– CAVC scholarship.

English UK Wales regional group scholarship place on CAVC's full-time IELTS programme, IELTS, or the International English Language Test System is the international standardised test of English language proficiency for non-native speakers.

Mr Gamage said: "Cardiff is a safe and friendly city that has made me feel very welcome.

"My son has started school here and has made lots of friends and I see Cardiff as a city of many opportunities."

English UK Wales are supporting Mr Gamage to study IELTS full-time at CAVC and he will take his test in early June.

"Cardiff and Vale College is a fantastic environment and I have been very happy with the course.

"I think the quality of the teaching has been excellent," he said.

Jim Shields, deputy head of English for international students, said: "Priyantha hopes to find work to continue his studies to become a qualified teacher in the UK, though this will, of course, have to wait until the decision regarding his asylum case has been made.

"Everyone at English UK Wales and at the college wishes Priyantha the best of luck with his studies, IELTS exam and asylum application."

Speakers show diversity at the Vale Photo Club

TWO talks this month demonstrated the diversity on offer to members of the Vale Photographic Club.

Cardiff-born photographer Andrew McNeil, widely known for his work highlighting the plight of the Indian slums, spent several months living and documenting the lives of the homeless in Cardiff.

The resulting photographs, which have been featured in national and international publications, can only be described as thought-provoking, haunting and powerful. Andrew gave us an insight into the lives of the people in his photographs, some surprisingly young, some sadly no longer with us, their lives wrecked by combinations of mental illness, physical abuse, drink and drugs. Hugely poignant.

His photographs are now featured in his book, *Under the Bridge*, and Andrew donated a number of copies to club members.

This month, we also had something quite different from a young



Penarth-based photographer, Gareth Jarvis, who turned his back on modern digital photography, preferring instead to use traditional equipment from the 1800s and early 1900s. The live demonstration was simply mesmerising.

Gareth's skill in pouring the chemicals, his patience in framing his subjects (upside down and back to front of course!) and the final fixing to reveal the picture 'magically' before our eyes was something special.

You can only guess at the wonderment and astonishment this would have caused for those seeing photography for the first time. Gareth is

a young man just starting out in the photography business, but offering something quite unique. If you'd like to have your portrait taken by Gareth, or to see more of his work, his website is at www.garethjarvis.com – we'd strongly recommend a visit.

Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome at the Vale Photographic Club (www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk/).

ANDREW COLEMAN

Airport goes for growth – as Flybe figures soar

FIGURES released by Flybe on June 1 – the first anniversary of the airline Flybe opening its two-aircraft base at Cardiff Airport – show that 334,000 passengers flew with the airline from Wales' national airport over the past 12 months.

The figure equates to an increase of more than 600 per cent in Flybe passenger numbers over the year-long period. Flybe increased its route network from four to 16 destinations and based two Embraer 195 jet aircraft at Cardiff during the same period.

Routes offered by Flybe include Cardiff, London City, Milan, Paris, Geneva and Dublin.

The airline also added special 'football flights' to Bordeaux, Toulouse and Paris for key Euro 2016 matches.

Flybe states that the growth of its network has generated more than 50 jobs including pilots and cabin crew.

It also claimed that the introduction of new routes and added capacity contributed to 12 consecutive months' passenger growth at

Cardiff Airport, with passenger numbers 26 per cent up for the rolling year to just over 1.270 million.

Flybe's chief revenue officer, Vincent Hodder, commented: "Flybe's strong performance and increased growth over this first full year of our base operations at Cardiff demonstrates our commitment to the national airport of Wales.

"We have continued to fine tune our schedule with added frequency and new routes and that is testament to our flexibility and responsiveness in meeting customer needs."

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Rhooze, said: "Cardiff Airport is a strategic gateway in and out of Wales for thousands of businesses and holidaymakers.

"Last year was a turning point for the business, and we're targeting further growth in 2016.

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College open evening is announced

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) will be showcasing its university courses at an open evening in its campus on Dumballs Road on Tuesday, July 5, from 5pm-8pm.

The college offers a range of higher education courses in partnership with universities from across the country, including the University of Birmingham and Cardiff Met and Kingston University.

Courses include a new airline and airport management degree, where students study at the college's international centre for aerospace training.

This facility, based at Cardiff Airport, Roose, includes classrooms, as well as specialist workshops, laboratories and a real-life hangar on which to hone skills.

Other new courses include foundation degrees in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management and Professional Culinary Arts Management. CAVC offers a new HNC/D in Sports Coaching and Development and Rugby and Football Coaching which will be offered at the College's new International Sports Campus in Leckwith.

CAVC now also offers foundation degrees in finance, fashion styling and film as well as game art and design.

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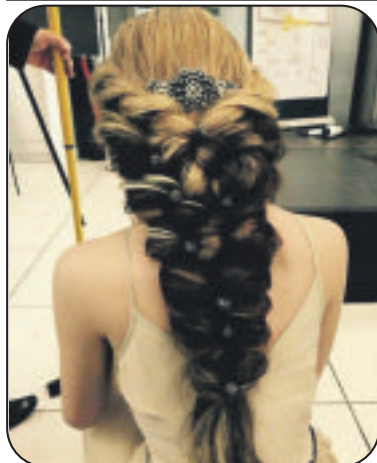
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CAVC student's 'red-carpet' design wins contest by a head



Nadia's 'red carpet' style.



Course tutor Lorraine Spear, Nadia Hadjali and head of hairdressing Ceri Evans at CAVC's Academi salon.

'PLEASE SUPPORT CADETS ON MARCH'

THIS year, a team of cadets and adult instructors Dyfed and Glamorgan Army Cadet Force will be undertaking the annual Nijmegen Four Days Marches event, centred around the town in Holland of Nijmegen.

Each year sees over 40,000 participants compete in four days of marching at various distances. As a part of this event, there is a military contingent of 15,000 military personnel from all around the world, including around 1,500 British regular, reserve and cadet forces.

All military teams, which are made up of between 12 - 15 people, complete a route of 25 miles each day for four consecutive days. Those over the age of 18 complete this route carrying 10kg of dead weight as well. This year is a special event as it sees the 100th year the event has run.

The Army Cadet Force is a voluntary youth organisation for young people aged between

12 - 18, although the Nijmegen event is limited to those over the age of 16.

In order to qualify for the Nijmegen Marches, our team has already successfully completed the challenging Cosford two day march, which consisted of 50 miles marched over the course of two days. For both of these events there is a cost which has to be raised by the cadets to cover: entrance fees, transportation, feeding, accommodation and other associated costs.

This comes to around £300 per entrant. The Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF have successfully qualified and entered one team into the event. Bridgend is well represented in the Nijmegen team, with three cadets and one adult instructor who are attending the event. Any donation you are willing to give would be best sent to the address below, with cheques made out to: 'Commandant's Welfare Fund'.

Major D Priddy, Officer Commanding Nijmegen Training, Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF.

The Cadet Centre, TA Centre, West Plas Road, Bridgend, Glamorgan CF31 1YQ.

Balmy evenings beckon at Dyffryn

DYFFRYN Gardens will remain open into the evening twice this summer.

On June 24, St Donat's Atlantic Choral will be singing from its repertoire of madrigals, folk songs and show tunes, while on July 8, the Spectrum Singers will be performing some of the best known songs from a range of famous film titles.

Performances begin at 6.30pm both nights, and audiences are invited to bring a picnic.

The gardens will be open until 8pm on 'Late Night Fridays' with last entry at 7pm. Refreshments will be available from the garden kiosk. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens for more information.

Mayor's cheque for St Vincent de Paul



IMAGE by JOHN O'BEIRNE

DURING his mayoral year Coun Fred Johnson was committed to raising funds for The St Vincent de Paul Society - whose aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical

assistance to those in need.

Coun Johnson thanked everyone involved for helping to raise £5,205.95. The cheque was received with grateful thanks on behalf of the society by the Archbishop of Cardiff, George Stack at St Helen's Church, Barry.

The Glamorgan young farmers are ready to rally!

THE annual 'Rally Day' for young farmers across Glamorgan is set to take place this Saturday, June 11, at Slade Farm Organics, St Brides Major.

From welly-wanging to woodwork and everything in between, the young farmers' talent showcase includes more than 20 competitions for members aged 10 to 26 to take part in.

Craftsmanship,

practical skills, and a flair for design are just a few of the abilities required by competitors.

To round off the activity-packed day there will be an awards presentation followed by a barn dance.

Entertainment, exhibitions, stalls, food and refreshments will be on offer. Entry to the event is free for under 16s and £2 per person for over 16s.

Glamorgan YFC rally committee chairperson, Natalie Lewis, said:

"Rally Day is the busiest competition day in our calendar. It really shows what young farmers are all about; members working together and having fun at the same time!"

"Come along on Saturday to experience the competitions and see what the YFC has to offer. And remember, you don't have to be a farmer to be in the YFC!"

Rally Day runs from around 10am to 5pm.

For further information about the event, visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk or contact county organiser, Gwyneth Thomas, on 07779 331839 or email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk. You can also follow updates on our Facebook page (/GlamorganYFC) and Twitter (@GlamorganYFC).

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) student Nadia Hadjali has been crowned UK Student of the Year in a competition for budding hairdressers.

Nadia, who studies hairdressing and beauty Level 2 at CAVC's Barry salon, the Academi, was crowned UK Student of the Year 2016 by the Hairdressing Council.

Nadia had to create a 'red carpet look' while competing as one of the top eight Level 2 students from colleges and training companies from across the country at the L'Oreal Academy in London.

"Winning this award means the world to me - I feel really, really happy," said Nadia, who lives in Penarth.

"I've always wanted to be a hairdresser since I was a little girl, so I have a real passion for my work."

"I'm really enjoying my time at Cardiff and Vale College and I love the help and support I get from my tutors."

CAVC head of hairdressing, beauty and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans, said: "We are all so proud of Nadia for winning this UK-wide award - just to get through to the finals

Singing workshop
WELL-known singing coach Kate Woolveridge joins Barry Community Choir for a singing workshop on Saturday, June 18. Kate is skilled in showing anyone that they can sing!

Tickets for the workshop, which begins at 1pm at Crossways Methodist Church, Court Road, Barry cost £10 and include refreshments. Book beforehand on 01446 748724; by text, 07932 523415; with a choir member; on the door - or through Facebook (Barry Community Choir).

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Yn y digwyddiad cafodd y bêl sydd wedi bod ar daith rownd ein sir ei gyflwyno i Ashley Williams, Gareth Bale ac Andy King ar ran tim Cymru. Mae'r peli wedi bod yn crwydro'r wlad i gasglu negeseuon o gefnogaeth fel rhan o 'Ymgyrch y Bêl, pasio'r bale dros Gymru.

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Ar ddydd Iau, Mehefin 3, aeth grŵp o blant a phobl ifanc o Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Ysgol Bro Ogwr, Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sger ac Ysgol Llangynwyd ar daith diwrnod i Sw Bryste. Roedd y tywydd ar eu hochrau a chawson nhw amser hyfryd yn ymweld â'r anifeiliaid a chwarae yn y parc gyda'u ffrindiau a siarad Cymraeg trwy'r dydd.

Ar ddydd Gwener, Mehefin 4, ymwelodd swyddogion Menter Bro Ogwr, Amanda Jaime Evans (prif swyddog iaith), Marged Elin Thomas (swyddog maes a gweinyddol), Kathryn Campbell (swyddog gwasanaethau plant a theuluoedd) a Daniel Miller (swyddog ieuencid), Tŷ Meinwr ym Mhontycymer.

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Menter Bro Ogwr news

MENTER Bro Ogwr has had a very busy half term week. Our chief language officer, Amanda Jaime Evans, had the opportunity to go to the Welsh football team's farewell party at the Vale Resort where all 23 members of the squad, members of FAW and the Manic Street Preachers were present.

In the event, the ball that has been making its way around the county was presented to Ashley Williams, Gareth Bale and Andy King on behalf of Team Wales.

The giant footballs have been touring the whole of Wales as part of the Mentrau Iaith's (Welsh Language Initiatives) campaign to call upon supporters to send their messages of support and pass the ball to the next supporter.

This has been a huge success with over 20,000 signatures and messages written in Welsh, the footballs were lined up alongside the red carpet that welcomed the guests to the evening.

Adam Jones, communications officer at Mentrau Iaith Cymru, said: "The Wales football team and the FA have done so much over the past few months to put Wales and the Welsh language on the map to an extent we haven't witnessed before."

"Our message in collecting the support was a single one: to



encourage supporters to consider learning and using whatever Welsh they have while supporting Wales in the Euros."

Ashley Williams, Wales captain, said: "Receiving messages like this from across Wales gives us a huge boost. Diolch Cymru!"

On June 3, a group of children and young people who attend Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Ysgol Bro Ogwr, Ysgol Y Ferch o'r Sger and Ysgol Llangynwyd, went on a day trip to Bristol Zoo.

The weather was on their side and they had a wonderful time visiting all of the animals and playing in the park where they were able to be with their friends and speak Welsh throughout the day.

On June 4, the officers of Menter Bro Ogwr, Amanda Jaime Evans, chief language officer; Marged Elin Thomas, field and admin officer; Kathryn Campbell, services for children and families officer and Daniel Miller, youth officer, visited Tŷ Meinwr.

Tŷ Meinwr is a 40-acre farm nestled in the hills above the village of Pontycymer in the

Garw valley..

It is home to a new project exploring sustainable ways of living and farming that values the Welsh language and culture as part of the full spectrum of social and environmental sustainability.

Opportunities to volunteer and to gain new skills at workshops are offered in Welsh, bilingually and in English with Welsh names for plants, tools etc (and the stories behind the names) to those new to the language.

Tŷ Meinwr welcomes all types of volunteers from all walks of life. In particular, they offer opportunities to learn and use Welsh while working on the land and on a variety of projects, such as the Welsh heritage apple orchard or garden.

The staff of Menter Bro Ogwr have arranged the first event to take place at Tŷ Meinwr on Sunday, June 19.

There will be an opportunity for adults to attend the farm for a walk and picnic.

Look out in next week's GEM for further information.

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Ryan Gosling delivers exemplary turn in Shane Black's 'Nice Guys'

THERE just isn't enough Shane Black in cinema. Black achieved incredible success when he retooled the 'buddy' movie to suit the 1980s blockbuster boom with *Lethal Weapon*. He then became a force to be reckoned with in Hollywood, writing scripts that sold for huge amounts of money.

Black blotted his copybook with *The Last Boy Scout* and *The Last Action Hero*, and, disillusioned, took a back seat, returning in style with 2005's *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* (which he also directed) and, in 2013, took on writing and directing duties again with *Iron Man 3*, a film that took over \$1.2 billion at the box office.

His latest film, *The Nice Guys*, sees him take on double duty again, writing with Anthony Bagarozzi; the film stars Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe as Holland March and Jackson Healy as private eyes, who are hired to look into the death of a porn star in 1970s Los Angeles.

When they look

deeper, they get caught up in the disappearance of a young girl (Margaret Qualley) and things soon start spiralling out of control...

Given his forte lies primarily in making films where odd-couple relationships are formed, sometimes begrudgingly, in order to achieve a greater good, Shane Black hasn't deviated greatly from the template he created all those years ago with *Lethal Weapon*.

However, the notion that *The Nice Guys* would be just another retread of former glories is one that should be disabused, for while it has all the hallmarks of Black's work, it is as fresh and exhilarating a film as you are likely to see this year.

The joy comes in the casting, in particular that of Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe; neither known for their funny bones, but dig deeper and you'll see that when they do get the urge to tickle it, the results are pretty good, Gosling in *Crazy, Stupid Love* and Crowe in the Ridley Scott-curio *A Good Year*.

Their ability to work both ends of the spectrum comes up trumps here, the film neither an out and out comedy, nor a serious

crime drama, instead finding common ground in the middle and exploiting it to superb effect.

Gosling's performance, in particular, is one of the best turns you are likely to see this year, the sort that awards are made for; smoothly moving between slapstick comedy and heartfelt touches, March is a shady, bumbling yet irrepressibly engaging character that Gosling brings to life incredibly well (witness his exchange with a dancer about his ability to act for an incredible laugh-out-loud moment) and truly shines throughout.

Crowe's character is, on the surface, the sort of good-natured bruiser that you often find in crime films, yet thanks to the actor's turn and the scriptwriting, you find layers in the character which makes Healy far more rounded than you would expect, the recollection of an intervention in a diner which brought him local fame highlighting his desire to do the right thing (and do it unflinchingly).

The parent-child relationship of March and his daughter Hollie is also beautifully played out, with young Angourie Rice more than matching her more experienced co-stars



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and their interplay brings both comedy and drama in equal measure.

Black and Anthony Bagarozzi's script is

effortlessly superb, rooted in the essentials of film noir yet shot through the prism of the grit and glamour of 1970s Los Angeles, the omnipresent smog not only a plot point but also indicative of the mood of the times.

It is also incredibly hilarious, the dialogue beautifully written and the story, while obeying the conventions of its loose genre association, takes the occasional detour. (Only Black could do tragedy with a hint of black humour when it comes to the reason why one of the characters behaves the way they do). This only enriches the story and the characters.

The combination of

all these elements results in a truly wonderful viewing experience - if nice guys finish last, then these *Nice Guys* are finishing out of the pile!

VERDICT: A humorous buddy movie with a noir-esque edge to it, *The Nice Guys* is an incredibly good film. Shane Black does it again, both in terms of script and direction, while the cast are across the board superb, most notably Ryan Gosling's exceptional turn. With its twisty plot and 1970s setting, *The Nice Guys* is well worth your time. *Essential viewing.*

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Weather permitting, the event - which includes 'light trapping' - will run from 9.30pm to 1am.

Moths trapped will be on display later on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information about the event, which is being run by Cowbridge Community College, call 01446 773373.

Royal Bake-off

If anyone wants to take part in the

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The brewer's business distribution arm also took Best of the Best at AB InBev's 'Wholesaler of the Year' awards. The family firm beat stiff competition to claim top prize from the world's largest brewery, citing a series of new best practice guidelines as instrumental to its success.

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VALE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION BOWS OUT ON A HIGH

The end (after 62 years) for an iconic community project

ONE of the Vale's longest-lasting traditions, which began in 1953 – the year of the Queen's accession – has ended “with all colours flying” – 62 years later on her 90th birthday.

The Best Kept Village competition (BKV), which at its height drew enthusiastic entries from every corner of the Vale of Glamorgan – has finally called it a day. The purpose of the competition was to help to preserve the rural character of the Vale against destructive urban encroachment and to encourage individual villages to take more pride in their great traditions.

The competition was organised so that even the smallest, most unpretentious village stood an equal chance of recognition with a village noted for its natural beauty or architectural features.

Although they are ending the competition with a heavy heart, the volunteer organisers are proud to look back at the history of a high-profile annual event that once drew local villages and hamlets together in friendly rivalry – an expression of community spirit that, sadly, is now being lost amid the pressures of modern life.

One man with a uniquely intimate knowledge of the competition, which began in 1953 with the presentation of the DC Jones Cup by a Barry businessman, is Basil Watkins, who was involved over the years in every capacity, ranging from volunteer helper to chairman and, finally, president.

He recalled: “My family moved to Pendoylan shortly after the competition started and we were struck by the enthusiasm of the villagers. The clerk to the parish council, Billy Williams, came round to see us and urged us to get involved.

“There was a meeting at The Red Lion and my wife and two boys were roped in, too. In those days, planning the campaign for the competition started very early, and everyone was assigned tasks.

“The important thing, of course, was that within a month we knew everyone in the village. It was the commitment of everyone that I enjoyed most.

“I can remember that one day, a lady called Olive Jenkins, who was a cleaner at the primary school, was picking up a cigarette end on the village green, when a car driver pulled up and offered her a pack of cigarettes!”

Basil got the bug when his village, Pendoylan, won that year. He said: “In those days, the presentation was in The Bear at Cowbridge, but I remember taking the cup back to The Red Lion where there was a huge party!”

It was a time when around 18 villages would enter, so it was a big deal for Pendoylan. When the winner's plaque was installed, the community organised a day of celebrations, with a village fair, police dog demonstrations and VIP guests. Wynford Vaughan Thomas was one notable.

With so many villages entering, the honours would be shared around quite a bit; the first seven years saw seven different winners, and St Nicholas, in 1960, was the first to win it twice.

Pendoylan may have managed only one win in the first 13 years, but they made up for it, becoming the ‘winningest team’ (as the Americans say), notching 16 victories.

Llanmaes did not win until 1973, but they are in second place, with a total of eight victories.

Another village that took a while to get going was Gileston, who didn't win until 1976, but then won four times in a row. They went quiet then until 2013, when they won for a fifth time.

A big moment for the BKV was when Prince Charles expressed an interest in the competition, and asked to visit a village. Pendoylan was selected and the Palace security team descended on the village, prior to Prince Charles arriving by helicopter – to be greeted by the primary school choir.

Friends of the Earth

The next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on the second Tuesday of the month on June 14, NOT on the 7th as is usual.

Concerns to be discussed will include house building on Green Belts and the incinerator proposed for Barry Dock.

Welfare advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will run a free welfare rights advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 14 from 9.30am – 11.30am; no appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.



ABOVE: Villagers in Gileston made a feature of daffodils one year.



ABOVE: Basil Watkins ((second left) at a presentation ceremony.

After a lengthy stint on the management committee, Basil became chairman, a post he passed on to Irena Wasilewska several years ago.

The management committee brought in a number of innovations over the years, and Basil remembers fondly the schools' competition. This fitted in well with the curriculum, and a number of schools have created vegetable gardens that are tended by the pupils – either selling the produce for school funds or serving the vegetables in the school canteen.

Another innovation was giving villages a chance to enter a ‘village feature’ – which encouraged communities to either enhance an existing feature, or create a new one.

Yet another change involved adopting something from the Eurovision Song Contest, with the winners of one year hosting the presentation dinner the following year!

However, despite the innovations, the organisers had to acknowledge that the numbers entering were falling away, with fading interest and commitment.

A special feature in The GEM urgently highlighted the need for more entries, and the management committee put together small teams

of volunteers, who went out to ‘sell’ the event. Nevertheless, in its final year, the BKV attracted just four entries.

Basil said that the management committee were “not getting any younger”, and they had to acknowledge that times had changed.

He added sadly: “Business has changed, and so has family life, and it seems that the BKV doesn't fit in with the requirements of modern life. I think, though, we have left a legacy as a result of the schools' competition – and that is something we can be proud of.

“The Best Kept Village began the year that Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne, and we are calling it a day as Her Majesty celebrates her 90th birthday.”

The final decision was made in view of declining support among the villages. Only four representatives turned up for a meeting to discuss this year's competition and only four entries, the lowest ever in its history, had been received.

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All are welcome to attend.

What's On / In brief

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on Tuesday, June 14 from 10am – 12pm at the Senior Health Shop; again, no appointment is needed.

A local legal team will be there to talk to if you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter other than criminal law.

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WAS CALL FOR MORE FIRST RESPONDERS



Cardiff International Pool CFR team.

THE Welsh Ambulance Service is appealing for more First Responders in the area as part of Volunteers Week.

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Located in Cardiff bay, Cardiff International Pool's £23 million centre opened in 2008 and has over 650,000 visitors each year.

A CFR training course was provided by WAS trainer and paramedic Jason Sadler, who commented: "It's great to have CFR teams anywhere across Wales, and of course they are particularly helpful in locations where there is a large footfall, as in the case of Cardiff International Pool."

"We provide CFR training 'in situ' so all we need are a couple of rooms and eager and enthusiastic trainees. The Cardiff International Pool CFR team were a very keen and knowledgeable group to train and I have every confidence that they will be able to help save lives in years to come."

Richard Cooper, originally from Penarth has been in the leisure industry as a lifeguard for almost eight years:

"I've had previous responder experience in St John Ambulance but have not been able to respond with them for some three years."

"I saw the CFR programme as an opportunity to refresh old skills and learn new ones, while it also presented further opportunities for training. I thoroughly enjoy training and assessing and I'm looking forward to delivering the CFR course in the workplace in future."

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Penarth team are in form!

INTER Penarth's under-7 age group added another notable achievement to an already successful season by seeing two teams go undefeated in the latest summer tournament at Island Marine.

The squad, drawn almost exclusively from Ysgol Pen-y-Garth, has proven to be a powerhouse in the end-of-season events, with one team yet to lose a single game and the other only suffering a couple of close reverses in the three tournaments played so far.

Under the guidance of coaches Dave Muxworthy, Adam Govier and Rhodri Lewis, the boys have improved immeasurably since the start of the season in September and, having initially come together as under-6s, shepherded by Andrew

Weekes, are now proving themselves against opposition not only in the Vale, but also the Cardiff and Newport regions following tournaments organised in recent weeks by Danescourt FC and Newport Corinthians.

The latest event saw both teams pitched against familiar opposition at Island Marine's annual football festival, but resulted in eight wins across the day, albeit some in nail-biting fashion!

Although the regular season, staged on Saturday mornings at Jenner Park and Colcoat Leisure Centre, finished several weeks ago, there is still plenty of football ahead for the talented group, with further tournament appearances scheduled for Sully this weekend and Canton Rangers next month before the coaches can take a well-earned break. CL

Best foot forward for Walk@Work challenge

STAFF from across ABMU are being invited to take steps towards a healthier lifestyle – without having to leave their workplace.

'Walk@Work Week' starts on Monday, June 13 and is aimed at getting as many people as possible working at health board sites enjoying a bit of fresh air and fitness during their breaks.

Inspired by this

summer's Olympic Games, the physiotherapy health promotion team behind the week has given it an Olympic flavour, with staff invited to pass the Walk@Work baton on to the next site as the week goes on.

The event is being held as part of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists' annual Work Out at Work initiative promoting physical activity in the workplace.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Astronomy group

THE Barry and District Astronomical Society is now up and running at Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road, Barry CF62 5TR.

It was set up with the beginner in mind. See Facebook page; contact 02920 551704 or email dave.powell@uwclub.net; home address 1 Tal-Y-Bont Road, Ely, Cardiff CF5 5EU for details.

Information fair

VALE 50+ Strategy Forum is hosting an information fair on Friday, June 17.

Representatives from Age Connects, library services, Atal y Fro and the Vale community safety team will attend, as will the local PCSO. Assistance will be available for tablet and iPad users and information on concerns such as internet safety and dementia.

The fair will be held at Wales & West Hanover Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Residents' Community Lounge, Langlands Road, Barry CF63 2AA from 10am – 1pm. Free entry and refreshments.

Coffee morning
ON Saturday, June 18 a coffee morning will

be held at Tabernacl Hall (Derwen Road, Bridgend) from 10am to 12.30pm. Admission £2, to include a Welsh cake and tea/coffee.

There will be numerous stalls, including books and cards; proceeds to the main chosen chapel charities for this year – Water Aid, Talking Books Wales, and Tŷ Hafan. Welcome to all – *Croeso i bawb!*

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, June 21 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Speaker yet to be advised. All welcome!

Veterans' Mental Health

A MEETING is scheduled on board HMS Cambria, Hayes Road, Sully, Vale of Glamorgan at 10.30am on Thursday, June 23.

For full details, contact Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health at Unit 11 Williams Court, Trade Street, Cardiff CF10 5DQ. Call 02920 222000.

'Modern art or real life?'



LETTERS EXTRA



Stand by for the Seven Plagues!

I CAPTURED the views (ABOVE) of The Butts in Cowbridge, just as the Food and Drink festival was getting under way.

The rubbish composition was created by the occupants of an upmarket and immaculate SUV shortly after 7pm on the Saturday evening.

Is the juxtaposition of the dumped domestic refuse against the walls of the derelict toilet block an artistic statement or just an example of the reality of Cowbridge life?

GJ Taylor, Cowbridge.

I'M sure that like most people, I am now heartily bored with the in/out EU referendum, and simply want to cast my vote and get on with life.

However, I am happily impressed that the referendum has encouraged people to actively discuss issues and not to simply engage in tribal voting, simply because their grandfather and father voted for a certain colour. This, of course, is encouraged by all of the main parties bar UKIP, being split on the issue.

I'm sure I'm not alone in finding it intriguing how politicians like David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn have changed their tune on the EU; having been very much Euro-sceptic in the past, but now are mysteriously campaigning to remain shackled to Brussels?

Like many people, I have been helped with my decision-making by the overseas leaders. For example, as the US President, Obama wants us to vote for what is best for the USA, and,

equally understandable according to the papers, Fraulein Merkel can't see the need for the British people to have the referendum, but wants us to vote for what is best for Germany all the same.

I'm sorry, but with all the Project Fear projections of doom and gloom and the blatant disregard for electoral procedure, I have lost all respect for the Remain camp.

If the country is as bad as what they say, then as its leaders, only they can be blamed.

If we do gain our independence once more on June 23, and are once more able to make our own laws and trade agreements that benefit the people of Britain, I believe that the negative-thinking Remain leaders of this once proud country are not fit to lead it to its new democratic and prosperous place in Europe.

As for Project Fear, I'm expecting the prediction of 'Seven Plagues' if we leave the EU to be announced shortly.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

All this and a £5 parking charge!



WITH reference to the £5 charge to park your car at the Ogmores-by-Sea car park, this was just one bin – pictured (ABOVE) on Saturday, June 4 at 2.32pm.

All of the bins were overflowing with rubbish.

What are the users of this beach car park paying for and what kind of welcome is this to the Vale?

Disgustingly dirty toilets, no facilities, and a miserable council building with old shipping containers on the side blot our wonderful landscape. Paul Evans

Wrestling with Punch and Judy

WHY is an evening of 'Body Slam Mayhem' licensed to be held on local council property, but a Punch and Judy show is banned?

Children, without age guidance or limitation, were recently invited to an evening of wrestling 'body slam mayhem' at a cost of £10 per ticket at Barry Memorial Hall. Presumably, alcohol was also on sale at the event.

To me, this is pandering to market forces, rather than submission to the voice of reason. I have no objection whatsoever to either Punch and Judy or remarkably-athletic, masked men performing wrestling; and, as a member of Equity – the Actors Union – I am extremely proud to carry the same card as my fellow members, many of whom are wrestlers or puppeteers. Both activities require a licence from the council and both require great skills with the common purpose

of simply making fun of mindless violence.

Wrestling shows have an interaction with the audience which is markedly similar to that within the timeless Punch and Judy tradition.

I understand there are some legitimate concerns and these could and should be addressed by improved arts education training at local authorities, especially on Article 10 Section 6 of the Human Rights Act, which forbids public bodies from preventing "any lawful freedom of expression activity".

Coun Philip Rapier, Penarth.

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WILL THE ECCENTRIC CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW GARDENS INFLUENCE JOE PUBLIC?

SUBTLE planting, soft blue, gentle pinks and white palettes, plus a focus on naturalistic designs and a strong health and wellbeing message formed a big part of Chelsea Flower Show this year.

So, what trends will we be taking home? There's no shortage of possibilities, says Sarah Eberle, who won Gold for her Viking Cruises Mekong Garden and also the Best Artisan Garden title.

She said: "We are looking at subdued tones. All the gardens and their plantings are quite naturalistic. They're not full of blousy plantings."

"We are looking to understand native plants and to protect them. There's suddenly value in the ordinary things that are around us."

The LG Smart Garden plantings would be quite easy to replicate, she says.

"It's easy on the eye to use a soft palette. If you use things stronger in colour, it's more difficult

by HANNAH STEPHENSON, Press Association

because it draws attention to things. So, without a designer eye on how to use strong colour, you can make mistakes.

"With these paler, softer colours you can't make many mistakes. It all blends together and is harmonious," says Eberle.

The designer Hay Jung Hwang's stunning display for LG featured *Digitalis purpurea* f. *albiflora*, with Rosa 'Natasha Richardson', *Eremurus robustus*, Iris 'Jane Phillips' and *Salvia bullulata*, but there are plenty more soft-coloured combinations which could add that natural and romantic look at home.

'Hard power' landscaping – the sharp, contemporary urban-style hard landscaping – is being surpassed by landscaping which complements the plants, rather than the other way round. Briza grasses were in abundance at Chelsea this year, as natural plantings took centre stage.

"The 'lifestyle' garden has become a quite subtle environment to be in," she observes.

Another theme which may take off is using gardening as a way to alleviate stress and planting plants with health-giving properties.

Aspects of a wellbeing plot, like 'Queen of Herbs' Jekka McVicar's Modern Apothecary garden, could add style and substance to borders in many gardens.

"Herbs such as lavender and thyme are not only good for animals, but also us," says Eberle.

Terracotta pots filled with lavender are ideal for cottage gardens, while certain varieties such as *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead' are great fragrant evergreens to edge a path.

Lavender will grow in any soil, provided it is

well drained and is best in full sun, but will grow in partial shade.

Thyme, another pretty garden stalwart, needs planting in a sunny spot in poor, well-drained soil, so if you're having a go at replicating some of McVicar's thyme combinations and don't have that type of soil, work in lots of grit or grow them in a raised bed or containers.

Diarmuid Gavin's British Eccentrics Garden, with all its moving plants, may set a trend on people adopting some 'Heath Robinson' quirky additions.

"Compared to previous years, the focus was on fun rather than pomp, such as the moving British Eccentrics Garden and Bowden Hostas' Pullman Train," Eberle observes.

"You can add your own sense of fun by always having a sense of humour when you're gardening and not taking it too seriously. Even a comic feature or a garden gnome will do the job."

More naturalised and wild landscapes are features which amateurs may be copying in their own gardens, she adds.

Bee-friendly wildflower meadows, edible plants in pots and insect walls were all in evidence, along with a general feeling that we should be mindful that gardens need to adapt to their environments, as demonstrated in the L'Occitane Garden, a recreation of the beauty of the harsh yet varied landscape of Provence.

"Native planting is good for our native wildlife. There's still an increasing trend to introduce plants which are good for our butterflies and bees, and providing food for moths and caterpillars."

"There's a place for building bug walls and other

elements which allow wildlife to thrive."

If we are to follow in Chelsea's footsteps, we will be creating gardens featuring all manner of plants with health-giving properties, trying to attract wildlife and which look natural, not too forced or formal, with schemes which are easy on the eye – and relaxing on the mind.

BEST OF THE BUNCH – Foxglove

The digitalis, whose scientific name means 'finger-like' because of the ease with which a flower of *D. purpurea* can be fitted over a fingertip, is a common sight in this country, growing everywhere from railway sidings, to wildflower meadows or standing tall in beds and borders.

These biennials grow easily in most gardens in moist but well-drained soil in dappled shade. In the first year they produce large rosettes of oval-shaped, deep green leaves followed, in early summer the next year, by a tall spire of flowers.

They look best when planted in groups in front of a dark background of shrubs or in dappled woodland. Perennial foxgloves include *D. grandiflora*, a smaller pale yellow version of the more familiar purple foxglove.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – thinning fruit

Fruit trees, including apples, pears and plums, tend to produce a lot of fruit. If you leave all the little fruitlets on the trees, it will result in a harvest of smaller, misshapen fruits because the tree can't give them enough nutrients to flourish.

So, at this time of year you need to thin them even in addition to those which naturally fall off, known as the June drop.

Reduce the number of dessert apples and pears until each fruit is at least 10-15cm apart, while plums can be thinned to 8-10cm apart.

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Gardens seek volunteers

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to encourage visitors to explore gardens of Wales that are home to botanical treasures from across the world.

National Trust Wales has created a new World Gardens Guide, which features exotic species like the Brazilian Trailing Abutilons, whose bright flowers can be spotted in bloom at Tredegar House; and the Torreya Californica trees, that are now endangered in their natural habitat in North America, but are flourishing at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Dyffryn is looking for garden tour guide volunteers to join its team.

Kate Simons, visitor experience manager at Dyffryn Gardens, said: "We're always on the lookout for extra volunteers to help bring the stories behind our gardens to life for our visitors. All you need is a passion for heritage and horticulture and the ability to tell a good story!"

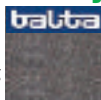
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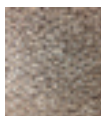
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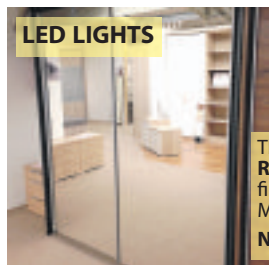
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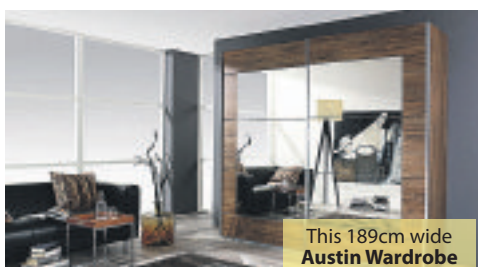
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CROWDS FLOCK TO GOLDSLAND FARM FOR 'OPEN FARM SUNDAY'

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by MIKE WILCOCK

A FARM near Wenvoe was one of a number that welcomed visitors last Sunday (June 5) for 'Open Farm Sunday'.

Goldslan Farm is on the Wenvoe Castle Estate, and three generations of the Reader family have farmed the land.

Currently, it is run by brothers John and Robert Reader, John's wife Jennifer and their daughter Abi.

A dairy herd of 180 cows is the main business of the farm, and the farm is proud to say that all their milk goes to south Wales Sainsburys stores.

It is a long-lasting relationship that is now in its eighth year.

The farm also has 150 sheep, and 30 beef cattle, and has also set aside 150 acres for crops, all of which go to feed the animals.

On Sunday, visitors were given a tour of the farm and, among other activities, had a chance to see a sheep-shearing demonstration!



Have-a-go activities on Open Farm Sunday at Goldslan Farm, on the Wenvoe Castle Estate included butter making, wheat and barley milling and egg collecting. However, the 'shear' excitement of removing wool from a sheep was left to the experts.



A host of young farm animals, including lambs, chicks and ducklings, put up with the gentle attention of some very eager children. Farmers, dairymen, shepherds and shepherdesses were on hand to talk the crowds through the work of producing foodstuffs and wool. Tractor rides around the farm provided a welcome break from wandering in the blazing sunshine.

Ffion wins European junior golf competition

YOUNG Welsh golf sensation Ffion Tynan won the US Kids European Championships for the second time last week.

The 13-year-old student at Y Pant Comprehensive School travelled to Gullane, Scotland, to take part in the event that saw over 600 golfers from 50 countries compete.

Ffion played in the Girls 13/14 year old category and led throughout the three day event with scores of 74, 73 and a final round of level par 72 to secure a three shot victory.

Going into the final round, Ffion had a four shot lead over Zimbabwean Danielle Bekker and nine shots over Millie Prattan.

A double bogey on the second hole offered a chance to both opponents and while Patten took advantage with a birdie, Bekker picked up a quadruple bogey to lose touch.

Prattan and Tynan then went on to play some incredible golf



knocking no less than 10 Birdies between them.

Just as Prattan thought she was cutting the lead Tynan managed to hit back with double birdies on holes five and six, and then again on 11 and 12.

Then a couple of errors by Tynan offered Prattan a chance with bogies on 14 and 15 from 2 under back to level par, and with Prattan hitting her sixth birdie of the round, the lead was just cut to just three shots.

In a tense finale, though, Tynan stood firm on the closing holes and showed great composure, hitting some great approach shots and some steady putting to secure the victory. **AT**

Ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle

AT the height of the golf season, the competitions come thick and fast and yet another glorious day ensured the ladies enjoyed warm and sunny conditions for the ladies' open at Wenvoe Castle.

The superb setting of a golf course in prime location meant that the actual golf being played was almost incidental with players simply enjoying a stroll in ideal weather conditions.

The competition attracted a large entry with over 100 players from throughout the region and the format with teams of three meant that individual competitors could still have the occasional 'disappointment' without seriously affecting the overall team score.

The benefit of local knowledge was offset with prizes awarded for

the best scores by visiting teams, as well as for the teams from the home club.

The winning team in the visitors section were Mary Burke and Rita Howells from the Vale Resort who, with Wendy Motton, posted an impressive score of 80 points.

Runners-up with 77 points were Caroline Bird, Kate Parker and Karen Alexander from St Pierre Golf Club.

The friendly rivalry for the prizes for the home team was clearly evident during the presentation as the winning score of 81 points by Lynda Campbell, Fran Grant and Nicola Sims was announced.

Missing out by just a single point were the runners-up Barbara Beedham, Lesley Arnold and Tina Church.

The lady captain Sandra Hathway presented the prizes, including some stunning

flowers, and thanked all the teams who had supported the competition and made it such a successful day.

The weather had clearly played its part and the efforts of green staff and the bar and catering were appreciated by all who took part.

Special mention was made about the contribution by the members who assisted with the smooth organisation throughout the day.

FULL RESULTS

Visitors team prize:

1st Mary Burke and Rita Howells (Vale Resort), Wendy Motton (Wenvoe Castle) - 80 points; 2nd Caroline Bird, Kate Parker and Karen Alexander (St Pierre) 77 points.

Wenvoe Castle team prize: 1st Lynda Duncanston (Cottrell Campbell, Fran Grant Park) second hole; Amy and Nicola Sims 81 Clayton (Dewstow) 15th points; 2nd Barbara Beedham, Lesley Arnold (Wenvoe Castle) 15th and Tina Church 80 hole.



Lady captain Sandra Hathway is presenting the prize to Wendy Motton on behalf of the winning team. The winning members team are Nicola Sims (left) and Lynda Campbell and Fran Grant to the right of the lady captain.



Members' runners-up Barbara Beedham (left) and Tina Church (right) with the lady captain.

Barry Albion hold presentation evening

BARRY Albion held their end of season presentation on Saturday.

The winners were: player's player of the season - Louis Mills; player of the season - Kyle Henderson; most improved player - Callum Austin; top goalscorer - Louis Mills.

The club would like to thank all players involved this season, JJ Windows for their shirt sponsorship and to the Tynwydd Inn for the post match refreshments. **LJ**

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LLANTWIT MAJOR - £149,950



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ST ATHAN - £135,000



Three bedroom semi-detached house and garage situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Lounge Area, Dining area, Fitted kitchen, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Driveway and gardens to front and rear. No chain. £135,000 Ref 850D

ST ATHAN VILLAGE - £184,950



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LLANTWIT MAJOR - £142,500



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LLANTWIT MAJOR - £110,000



Established three bedroom mid terrace family house comprising Hallway, Cloakroom/WC, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Outhouse and garden to front and rear. No onward chain. Ref 857D.

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £325,000



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ST. ATHAN - £117,500



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WEST VALE, ST ATHAN - £115,000



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Expressions of interest

St Lythans Park, Culverhouse Cross

United Welsh Housing Association, with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announce the development of two properties in St Lythans Park, Culverhouse Cross.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members.

A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

- Two, one-bedroom flats
Rent £78.64 per week, plus service charge to be confirmed.

Crompton Way, Ogmore by Sea

United Welsh Housing Association, with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announce the new development at Crompton Way, Ogmore by Sea, Vale of Glamorgan CF32 0QF.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members.

A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

- Four, two-bedroom houses
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You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.

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Expressions of interest – Ogmore by Sea

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Extended, four bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch. Hallway. Two reception rooms. Kitchen. Utility room. Bathroom to ground floor and shower room to first floor. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt. Driveway.



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£214,999

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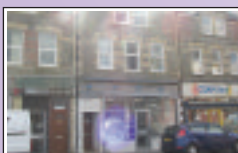
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Marie Curie hospice staff say thank you to their volunteers



ABOVE: Pictured at the afternoon Blooming Great Tea Party are Barbara Vincent, community fundraiser Georgina Burke, Lyn West, Dave Vincent, community fundraiser Helen Mulhern, fundraising assistant Sarah Hughes, and Lynne Allison.

ON Wednesday, June 1 during Volunteers' Week, Marie Curie staff waited on volunteers to say 'thank you' for the contribution they make to the running of the charity's hospice and care in the community.

One event saw the Penarth hospice host a special 'Blooming

Great Tea Party' with music from harpist Glenda Clwyd, a free prize raffle, buffet and drinks served by Marie Curie staff.

This was followed by a similar evening event, where hospice staff donned aprons and served drinks and food to volunteers. Music during the evening was provided by Hank Hillman.

Paula Elson, hospice manager, said: "Our volunteers do so

much to support the running of the charity, so we wanted to set a day aside to show them just how much we appreciate their support."

If you are interested in holding a Blooming Great Tea Party to support Marie Curie you can register for a free fundraising pack at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0800 716146.

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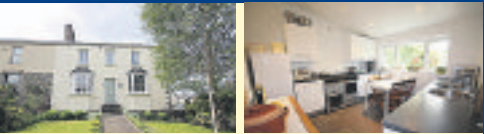
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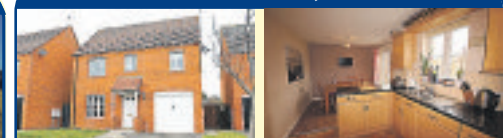
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He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Friday, June 17 at 12.15pm in St Hilary Church, St Hilary, Nr. Cowbridge, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL in memory of Ralph.
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He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Roger is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road Barry, until his service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, June 16 at 2pm. Family floral tributes only, donations to support RNLI Barry may be made at the service in memory of Roger.

PARRY Roger

~ 24.05.16 ~

Our dear friend Roger, thank you so much for your kindness and special friendship, you will be missed so much, by so many.

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral Wednesday, June 15, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society to c/o J James, 11 Fonnmon Road, Rhooose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

ESKINS

Margaret (née Bennett)

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MORGAN Dennis

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GURNEY Dell

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A celebration of her life will be held in Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Monday, June 13 at 12 noon. Black need not be worn.

Family flowers only by request. Donations in memory of Dell, if desired, to Tenovus Cancer Care, Gleider House, Ty Glas Road, Cardiff CF14 5BD or RNLI (Barry branch), The Pierhead Buildings, The Outer Harbour, Barry Docks, Barry, CF62 5QS.

HAYSHAM Christine (Teena) (née Bastow)

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Teena is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry, where floral tributes may be sent. Funeral service to take place at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 14 at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

CLARK Ruby Myrtle

The family of Ruby Clark would like to thank all their family and friends for the cards, flowers and many considerate messages of sympathy received.

Special thanks to their good friend Jeff Short for conducting such a personal and memorable service. Thanks to Eryl Surgery, the District Nurses, Marie Curie and the University of Wales Hospital for their first-class caring of Ruby during her last few weeks.

Special thanks, also to Thomas Bros of St Brides Major for their professionalism and guidance throughout. Thanks also to the staff at the Well Pharmacy, Llantwit Major for many years of assisting mum, always with a smile.

MULLAN Philip

Sylvia and all the family of the late Philip Mullan, a beloved husband, father and grandfather express their sincere thanks to family, neighbours, friends, Eileen and the Ladies Circle of St Helen's Church for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement and also for the many cards and letters of condolence.

Our deepest gratitude to the consultants and staff of Barry, Llandough and Heath Hospitals for the excellent treatment and attention he always received and finally to HDU, who did all they could for him.

A special thanks to Deacon Elfed Jones who conducted the funeral service and to Lyndsay Ellis of Vale Funeral Service for his sympathetic handling of all the funeral arrangements.

HICKS Dorothy

Peacefully on May 28 at College Fields, Barry, Dorothy Marina Lois (Doris), aged 93 years, previously of Llandinam Road, Barry.

Beloved wife of the late Albert Henry (Bert), dearly loved mother of Christine and Russell and mother-in-law of John and the late Alan. Cherished grandmother of Andrea, Martin, Nicola and great grandmother of Ceri, Timothy, Lewis, Aaron, Rowan, Jamie and Ellen.

Doris will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Friday, June 17. Funeral service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director afterwards for Ty Hafan, The Children's Hospice in Wales.

HERBERT Elizabeth Ann

Peacefully on June 3, at her home in Cowbridge after a long illness, Liz of Eastgate Jewellery, Cowbridge, beloved wife of Colin, dearly loved mother of Sarah, Kate, Matthew and partners Howard and Jon, much loved nana of Izzie, Lily and Evie.

Funeral Monday, June 20, service and cremation 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fonnmon Road, Rhooose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 2 ST ATHAN PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016



On 28th May 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the western boundary of the new residential development to the adopted highway, St John's Hill and create an alternative footpath to a line running from a point on the western boundary of the new residential development to the adopted highway, St John's Hill as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and map may be seen free of charge at the District Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 28th May 2016 but if any person approved by the Order desires to question its validity thereof or that of any provision contained therein on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under section 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 9th June 2016

HYSBYSIAD O GADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF CYLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF 1990, ADRAEN 257 A PHARAGRAFF 7 O ATODLEN 14 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 2 SAIN TATHAN GORCHYMYN GWYRO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2016

Gadarnhawyd y Gorchymyn uchod gan Gyngor Bro Morgannwg ar 25 Mai 2016.

Effaith y Gorchymyn a gadarnhawyd yw gwynnol fwytr cyhoeddus o fin orllewinol y ddyblwydd praeuyl newydd ar y briffordd fabwyddig, St John's Hill a chreu fwytr brad orllewinol y linell sy'n rhedeg o'r pwynt ar fin orllewinol y ddyblwydd praeuyl newydd at y briffordd fabwyddig, St John's Hill, fel y dangosir ar map y Gorchymyn.

Gallwch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn, yn rhad ac am ddim, yn Swyddfa'r Ddod, Ddodfa'r Berr, Y Berr CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gallwch brynu copi o'r Gorchymyn ar map yny swyddfa am £4.50.

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To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 08.30 to 17.00 hours and Friday 08.30 to 16.30 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.
Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:
Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: NAGARAJAH NAGENDIRAJAH of PISAGAH CONVENIENCE STORE, 74 PISAGAH STREET, KENFIG HILL, BRIDGEND, CF31 4BU
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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely June 8th 2016, for 28 consecutive days.
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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00345/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing stone outbuilding and replacement with new stone outbuilding to provide open plan office/play room with adjoining open car port
Location:/Lleoliad: The Old Rectory, Drope Road, Drope, St Georges Super Ely

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Drope

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00535/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Single storey rear extension, rear roof extension and alteration works
Location:/Lleoliad: 42, Westbourne Road, Penarth

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00537/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed two storey extension to accommodate kitchen and bedroom
Location:/Lleoliad: Flush Cottage, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00570/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed detached dwelling retaining field access and public footpath
Location:/Lleoliad: Site at Boverton Road, Boverton

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Boverton

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00596/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of part two storey part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Mardy Cottage, Bridge Road, Llanblethian

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00609/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Add new air conditioning heat pump system with new indoor wall units and external condensers
Location:/Lleoliad: Tudor Tavern, Church Street, Llantwit Major

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00600/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Internal alterations to existing house, demolition of existing high level garage, construction of new single and two storey extensions and detached garage block. Formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access openings through existing boundary wall, and construction of new driveway
Location:/Lleoliad: Sea Roads, 5, Cliff Parade, Penarth

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar lleoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00563/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Internal alterations to existing house, demolition of existing high level garage, construction of new single and two storey extensions and detached garage block. Formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access openings through existing boundary wall, and construction of new driveway
Location:/Lleoliad: Sea Roads, 5, Cliff Parade, Penarth

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Sea Roads, 5 Cliff Parade, Penarth, Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00564/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing rear conservatory. New rear extension with habitable attic space linked with detached garage/utility room single storey building.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Gables, Comtown Road, Comtown

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Ewenny Village Hall, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Diddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00551/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer
Location:/Lleoliad: Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2016/00570/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed detached dwelling retaining field access and public footpath
Location:/Lleoliad: Site at Boverton Road, Boverton

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw.

I give notice that Mr. Hugh Morris is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from RWE Generation, Trigonos, Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 30 June, 2016.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 30 June 2016 quoting reference 2016/00551/FUL.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Aberthaw North Quarry, Castle Road, Aberthaw

Hysbysir trwy hyn Mr. Hugh Morris n gweud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfeiriau Variations of conditions 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of planning permission 2013/00903/FUL to increase the height of the final restoration levels to increase the volume of ash that can be deposited in the former quarry and to vary the associated details to which the conditions refer.

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad oddi wrth RWE Generation, Trigonos, Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copïau o'r:

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- cynlluniau;
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- dogfennau eraill a gyflwynwyd gyda'r cais,

yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 30 June, 2016.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chudiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 30 June 2016 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2016/00551/FUL.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 June, 2016

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Birthday's

Happy Birthday Faye Smith
(née Richards) on 10th June.
Hope you have a fantastic weekend. Lots of love from Rob, James & Lavinia, also all your family & friends.

Hazel James
Happy 80th Birthday!
on 12th June to a wonderful mum.

Have a lovely day.
Lots of love from Adrian, Carol, Hywel, Sian, Ray and all the family.
xxx

It's Cup final heartbreak for Barry thirds

BARRY RFC third XV rounded off their season with an appearance in the Ron Locock Cup final at the Cardiff Arms Park, with Llanishen their opponents.

Managers Frank Greig and Andy Moffat were afforded the luxury of selecting from a large squad, unexpectedly for such an occasion, but they chose to keep faith mostly with the side that won the dramatic semi-final against Caerau four weeks before.

There were welcome returns for Mike Hamonda on the wing and veteran Andrew Prosser on the bench, while Ken Chow was a last-minute replacement after a late withdrawal.

With their opponents looking slick and clearly above third XV level, Barry struggled in the opening exchanges to keep up with the speed of play.

Instead, the green-and-whites utilised their forward power to keep possession, but a lack of ruthlessness saw them come away from the Llanishen 22 empty handed.

Instead Barry indiscipline allowed Llanishen to take the lead with a simple penalty. Barry tried to get back in the game but were forced on the defensive, with Luke O'Sullivan, Marc Devine and Jon Bryant marshalling the line superbly.

However, Llanishen doubled their lead with another penalty, before a chip-and-chase caught Barry off guard to score a converted try.

Worse was to come as after some intense Llanishen pressure, O'Sullivan pounced from the line to intercept a wayward pass, and surely would have raced through to score under the posts, only for the referee to bring him back for an earlier infringement.

From the penalty Llanishen pushed forward and scored yet another try.

Just when all hope seemed lost the Barry juggernaut returned to the fore

and the sheer determination and power, with no shortage of skill, saw the green-and-whites bear down on the Llanishen line.

This time there was no let up as Devine crashed over for his first try for the club. Ashley Forrester added the extras.

Barry brought on fresh legs at half-time to try to seize the momentum, and the introduction of Tom Hunt and Rob Williams to the pitch brought almost instant success, as both made hard yards for the team.

The Barry scrum was now completely dominant and following yet another set piece Gerwyn Pugh looked to have scored, only for the official to fail to spot his touch down.

Against the run of play Llanishen scored again as the Barry defence tired to put the game beyond doubt.

With one last throw of the dice Barry emptied their bench, and had the last chance as a cross-kick by Joe McCann was chased down by Adam Lee and Chow, only for the touchline to defeat them.

Despite the defeat this was a tremendous effort by the third XV players who have endured a hard season. This is ample reward for the industry and dedication shown by the squad of players.

Everyone at the club will hope the momentum will be carried onto pre-season which starts in July.

Team: Pugh; Forrester ©, O'Sullivan, Evans, Hamonda; McCann, Dimond; Fortt, Brown, Taylor; Rolfe, Giddings; Chucas, Devine, Bryant. Replacements: Prosser, Hunt, Williams, Lee, Corrigan, Bailey, Chow. Man of the match: Giddings.

Last week's winning lottery numbers were 4, 11, 12 and 17 which failed to produce a winner - this week's prize will increase to £2,100.

KC

Baker stars as Athletic stay on top!

LAST Saturday Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Lisvane, won the toss and batted first.

Nathan Baker was the star of the show with both bat and ball as Barry Athletic posted 221 all out with Baker scoring 78 and Gavin White 61 not out, Waldron 4 for 50 and Hughes 3 for 39 being the best bowlers for Lisvane.

In reply Lisvane were never up with the run rate as the ever-reliable Peter Hellyar, with 2 for 26 from his 10 overs, and Nathan Baker, 6 for 35 (his first five wicket haul) saw Lisvane bowled out for 131, and a

90 run win for Barry.

Barry Athletic second XI entertained Blackwood at the Island and, batting first, compiled a total of 212 for 6 with Brock (62), Dawson (51) and Leake (39) being the main scorers.

In reply Blackwood got to their total for the loss of just one wicket with G Berry (103 not out) and D Windsor (84 not out) bringing them home with a nine wicket win.

This Saturday Barry Athletic first XI are at the Athletic Ground against Rogerstone and the second XI are away to the same opposition.

MR

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, May 31, the Edmondes Arms hosted the Les Parson's Cup.

The Farmers B (H&H) won the cup by defeating the Old Post Ladies 4-0, however the result does not reflect how close some of the games were.

On Saturday June 11, the 2015-2016 season will come to a close when the Six Bells Inn hosts the finals and presentation night. Doors open at 7pm and matches will start at 7.30pm.

In the ladies' doubles final Joan Smith, Pam Adams and/or Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) will play Hilarie Coles and Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies) while in the men's doubles final Martin Thomas and Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') will play Paul Cates and Luke Woolf (Highwayman Inn).

In the ladies' singles final Mickey Wilcox (Old Post Ladies) will play Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies). The evening will conclude with the men's singles final in which Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') plays Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms).

For further information, please e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Lydia helps out junior golfers

ON Tuesday, May 31, St Athan Golf Club junior section was given the fantastic opportunity of having a morning's coaching session delivered by golf professional and ladies European tour player, Lydia Hall.

Lydia, who is now Golf Development Wales' ambassador for women and girls golf, is studying for her PGA qualification and teaches at Hensol Golf Academy.

St Athan's junior section contacted Lydia to see if she would be available to support the juniors during the school holidays.

With delight, Lydia obliged and came down to the club where she coached a total of 14 juniors (of varying abilities) and organised

fun games for them to compete against each other.

Craig Sherman, lead junior organiser said: "We were absolutely thrilled when Lydia agreed to come along to the club and provide a coaching session for our junior section."

"It was a glorious day and from the feedback I have received the juniors enjoyed it enormously - they enhanced their skills and Lydia provided them each with plenty of tips to aid their game"

Following the coaching, all the juniors were treated to a two course meal back at the clubhouse. St Athan Golf Club is hoping to continue working with Lydia as and when her busy schedule allows her in the future.

If you would like more information on St Athan Golf Club, please contact the junior administrator, Rachael, on 07789 222561.

FAB MINIBIKES SET TO RACE AT LLANDOW

SUPERBIKE rider Filip Backlund, Supersport rider Andy Reid and F1 sidcar team Ricky Stevens and Ryan Charlwood are all headed to the Cool FAB Racing British Minibikes Championship in Llandow, Wales, this weekend.

Andy Reid, who is currently leading the SuperSport championship, will be attending the Cool FAB Racing British Minibikes Championship for the first time and will be advising the young riders trackside alongside his Quattro Plant Cool Kawasaki team mates.

Andy said: "I am really looking forward to my first experience of the

Cool FAB Racing series. It's going to be fun watching all the young riders race as I have heard great things about the talent coming through the series. It will be good to chat with the riders and their parents and hopefully I will be able to pass on some tips to help them develop their skills."

Because of this announcement, the number of riders expected over the weekend are higher than usual, so organisers advise booking your place early to avoid missing out.

For more information on the series, or to enter round four of the 2016 Cool FAB Racing British Championship at Llandow, please visit: www.coolfabracing.com.

SF

GOOD START FOR ROMILLY BOWLERS

ROMILLY Bowls Club resumed their competitive season on Saturday with a home game against newly-promoted Llantrisant.

Having qualified for the knockout stages of the Carruthers Shield, Romilly were now looking forward to a good start in defending the CML first division title won in fine style last season.

On a fine afternoon for bowling, the game commenced with both sides struggling to gain the early initiative but by the fifth end Romilly held a slender one shot advantage, 18-17.

As the game

progressed the 'Rom' began to find their form and by the end of the 10th end had poached an 18 shot lead with the rinks of Graham Cogbill, Brian Foscolo and Jeff Wright holding advantages and Fred Phillips' rink down by four leaving the score at halfway, 46 - 28.

With their confidence now flowing, the rink of Gary Eastment, Andrew Hatcher, Mike Doyle and Cogbill had increased their advantage by 21-5 at end 15, while the rink of Alan Bryan, Roger Jones, Clive Collins and Wright had cruised into the 24-11 lead against a rink skipped by Welsh international Mark Harding.

At the same stage, Foscolo's rink, led by Paul Williams, Terry Bloomfield and Mel Newman, were holding a four shot lead but Phillips' rink was still struggling, down by 11 shots.

As the game drew to its conclusion Foscolo's rink maintained their four shot advantage and Phillips' rink were still 10 shots behind.

Cogbill's rink, playing superbly, ran out easy winners, 27-10, with Wright's rink, also playing brilliantly, ending up winning 32-16.

With three winning rinks, Romilly took 12 of the 14 points to give them a good start to their league season. Final score: Romilly 96, Llantrisant 64.

This Saturday the league continues with Romilly visiting Senghennydd, another newly-promoted team.

FP

Youth manager wanted

DINAS POWYS FC are looking for a new youth team manager to manage the under-18s team that play in the South Wales Youth League.

Any expressions of interest should be sent via email to Richie.garland@outlook.com.

BC

Barry and District United Clubs end of season honours

RESULTS for the Barry and District United Clubs league for 2015-16 are as follows:

Skittles Division 1: League winners - Sea View B; League runners-up - West End D; Highest roll - 37 A Bryan (Rhoose Social B) and G Evans (Sea View B); Team cup winners - Sea View B; Team runners-up - West End C; Away 9s winners - West End D; Stats winner - K Pycroft (Sea View B); Stats runner-up: D Haslett (Rhoose Social A).

Crib Division 1: League winners - Rhoose Social; League runners-up - Wyndham Cons; Highest hands - 24 (x3) J Heathfield (West End); Team cup winners - Wyndham Cons; Team runners-up - Cadoxton Cons; Pairs winners - K Harkus and M Grant (Moors Boys); Pairs runners-up - J Heathfield and M Watts (West End); Stats winner - C Dally (Rhoose Social); Stats runner-up - J Thomas (Liberals).

Snooker Division 1: League winners - Savoy A; League runners-up - Harbour B; Highest home break - 94 S Thomas (Savoy A); Highest away break - 81 M Bennett (Savoy A); Team cup winners - Savoy A; Team runners-up - Wyndham Cons A; Singles winner - R Rowlands (Savoy A); Singles runner-up - C Champ (Cadoxton Cons A); Doubles winners - C Hellingier and J Wyre (West End C); Doubles runners-up - M Zeraschi and T Vedmore (Harbour B); Three-a-side winners: A Morgan, M Bennett, W Borde, M Johns (Savoy A); Three-a-side runners-up - A Wood, G Wood, N Kerslake, J Velda (Cadoxton Cons B); Stats winner: M Bennett (Savoy A); Stats runner-up - S Thomas (Savoy A).

Snooker Division 2: League winners - Services Social A; League runners-up - Liberators, Penarth Cons A; Highest home break - 41 N Ali (Penarth Cons A); Highest away break - 56 L Jones (Liberators);

Team cup winners - Penarth Cons A; Team runners-up - Savoy B; Singles winner - J Marsh (Penarth Cons A); Singles runner-up - C Harding (Cadoxton Cons A); Doubles winners - C Lane and G Bailey (Savoy B); Doubles runners-up - J Marsh and N Ali (Penarth Cons A); Three-a-side winners - D Woodfin, M Brown, G Long (Wyndham Cons C); Three-a-side runners-up - C Lane, A Colombo, N Blackwell, G Bailey (Savoy B); Stats winner - A Cook (Market Street B); Stats runner-up - N Ali (Penarth Cons A).

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 5:

1st = Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, and Tony Disley and Simon Richards 62.73%, 3rd Sue Norris and Su Summerhayes 61.14%,

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DRAGON BOAT REGATTA RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES



ON a warm and sunny bank holiday Saturday, May 28, crowds clapped and cheered watching the dragon boat races as the Rotary Club of Barry held their new charity fundraising event – A Dragon Boat Regatta – in Cosmeston Park to raise money for local charities.

The successful event was professionally run with full safety support. Rowers, some in fancy dress, sat side by side in long canoes, with a helm to steer and a drummer sitting up front beating out the rhythm.

Overall winners were the team from Barry &

District Spartans, runners-up were from Leisuretime; third place went to CAVC Glamorgan Suite Supervisors and Old Plymothians were placed fourth.

Paul Halstead, president of Barry Rotary Club, said: "We were delighted with our first Dragon Boat Regatta and thank everyone involved. It was enjoyed by all who took part and all who came to watch. Already we have had enquiries for another event next year and welcome any expressions of interest from others who may wish to take part."

On Wednesday, June 8, the club will support Rotary Kids Out when underprivileged children will be taken on a day out to Brean Sands Leisure Park and will also be holding a charity duck race in Llanecarfan on Thursday, June 16.

Further information on Rotary can be obtained from club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000. JO



Millwood start league season with a win

MILLWOOD welcomed the Murch to the club on Saturday in the Division 4 opener of the 2016 season.

The weather was perfect and the green in excellent shape for this opening game. Millwood got off to a good start on all four rinks and after 10 ends had built up a solid lead of 54-18.

This position was not to be threatened over the remaining ends of the match, with Millwood running out comfortable winners, 106-53, to claim all 14 points on offer in the match.

Full credit must be

given to the Murch for fulfilling this fixture as they had great difficulty fielding two teams this week and unfortunately, the A team fixture between the clubs had to be cancelled because Murch lacked sufficient players.

The game was played in the usual good-spirited way between the clubs and the return fixture is looked forward to by both teams.

After such an encouraging start, all members are asked to make themselves available for as many matches as possible in the coming weeks. BH

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Vale horses in fine form by BRIAN LEE

HORSES trained in the Vale of Glamorgan won three of the four races that were open to them at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed, which saw the end of the Welsh season.

In the closest finish of the day, *Mad Money* – trained by Jonathan Tudor at Merthyr Mawr, and owned by Bonvilston farmer Tudor Harris and Elizabeth Egerton, secretary of the South Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point area – won by half a length from *Welsh Designe* (Matthew Barber) after making most of the running under Richard Patrick.

Jonathan Tudor was saddling his 10th winner of the season and Mrs Egerton said: "We have had a lot of fun with this horse and I am glad he won today as it took me four hours to get here."

Mr Harris added: "The journey home tonight will not be so long after this win."

The Pembrokeshire Hunt Mixed Open over four miles went to Alan Rhead's nine-year-old brown gelding *BoyFromNowhere*, a former inmate of National Hunt trainer Rebecca Curtis's yard.

BoyFromNowhere, who led his eight rivals a merry gallop throughout most of the race, won by six lengths from the prolific *Rosies Peacock* (John Mathias) who was saddled with a 12lb penalty.

Winning jockey Richard Patrick who

was riding his second double of the season said: "I just let the horse do his own thing. After all, he's got more experience than me so I left him to it."

Jody Hughes, the only female rider in the race, riding *Lamboro Lad* finished third.

BoyFromNowhere, who may now go back under Rules, was the 17th winner of the season for his trainer, former rugby league player Gareth Moore of Pyle near Bridgend. Apparently, Gareth has also saddled nine seconds and seven thirds from just 38 runners!

The third trainer from the Vale to saddle a winner was Cowbridge's Robert Llewellyn who took the Intermediate race with the promising six-year-old bay gelding *Ride On Time* which, under Bradley Gibbs, scored by two lengths from *Princess Tina* (John Mathias).

Owned by the RGL Racing Partnership, *Ride On Time* who is by *Presenting*, will be aimed at the Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunter Chase at Chepstow next year.

The opening members' race was won by the 12-year-old *Macarthur* ridden by Charlotte Evans who was riding her fourth winner of the season. Charlotte took up the running two fences from the finish to win by eight lengths from *Hunky Dorey* (Richard Patrick). *Macarthur's* owner, Dai Rees, said that this former Royal Ascot group two winner will now go hurdling under rules.

The longest priced

winner of the day was Gareth Morgan's *Askgarmor*, a 16-1 chance which won the open maiden race under the talented Jodie Hughes. Around eight of the 13 runners were still in with a chance at the final fence and Jodie, taking her mount wide of the others, went on to snatch victory by a length from the North Cotswold invader *Lake Balaton* (Alex Edwards) with *Which Sky* (Mark Robinson) a further half length away in third spot.

Askgarmor, at just four years old, was the youngest horse in the race. The favourite *OverToUJay* (Matthew Barber) was a first fence casualty.

The Pembrokeshire Crisps Mixed Scurry was won by Sarah Jones on her *Quicksilver*, which at 15 was the oldest horse in the race.

Daniel Ellis (11) won the 138cms pony race on *Tealson Topic* and James Bown (15), riding his *Cudlie Verona* beat his old rival *Captain Hurricane* ridden by Jessica Llewellyn, (13) in the 148cms pony race.

On a personal note, my thanks to Vernon Beynon, chairman of the west Wales area for presenting me with a walking stick which he had made himself, and which had collected a number of prizes at various agricultural shows; and to Beverley Thomas, the west Wales area secretary for the bottle of Welsh whisky in thanks for my reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene these past 50 years.

FOOTBALL FEVER HITS!

OVER May half term, Euro 2016 football fever was in the air at the Vale Sports Arena and Principality Stadium – to celebrate Wales' qualification for Euro 2016.

Premier league giants Everton FC also held a soccer camp coaching and developing local children at the Vale Sports Arena, in partnership with PG10 Coaching.

To celebrate Wales' qualification the soccer camp involved a day of football and then a day at the Principality Stadium, experiencing the VIP section of the stadium, going pitchside into the changing rooms.

The Vale Sports Arena have a fanzone at the arena for every Wales Euro 2016 match – for information email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk. PG

Lifeguards' Surf Ski Race... Paddling to success!



THIRTY paddlers competed in the 37th running of the Rhose Lifeguards Surf Ski Race recently hosted by Rhose Lifeguards.

Another year with variable conditions – early unexpected calmer weather led to the 'normal' full course being set up with a loop between Rhose Beach and Pleasant Harbour/Power Station.

But as race time approached, the forecast southerly wind picked up and set the sea into messy side-on waves will little help for the competitors.

Congratulations to all those that took part, and thanks to all those who helped to organise the event and provided the BBQ, drinks and cakes. Special thanks also to the SLSA Wales IRB crews for safety cover.

The results were as follows:

Under-16 Boys - 4km race Jason Grice - Rhose, Declan Ewington - Rhose, James Hamer - Rhose.
Under-16 Girls - 4km race Millie Wiggins - Rhose, Ellie Peterson - Rhose, Brooke Peterson - Rhose.
Under-19 Girls - 6.5km race Kelsea Peterson - Rhose. Under-19 Boys - 6.5km race Alex Parry - Rhose, Will Parker - Rhose.
Open Men - 9km race Sam Moore - Sker, Lloyd Rosewell - Pen-y-bont.

Masters men - 6.5km race Craig Robinson - Pen-y-bont, Stuart Sherman - Woolacombe, Mike Childs - Sker. Masters ladies - 6.5km race Karen Harris - Rhose. Open double - 6.5km race Sarah Bryant & Steve Baker - Rhose, Paul & Rhys Gardner - Rhose.

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'Mettre sur le football' as Euro 2016 begins!

FORGET 'Brexit'... the real debate is who is going to win Euro 2016!

While the issue of 'in or out' is grabbing headlines, all eyes will be on Europe for a slightly different reason come June 10, as the 2016 European Championships kick off in Paris.

The tournament is the first since the number of teams in the tournament has risen from 16 to 24; the question is whether the championships resemble this season's Premier League, as the normal order is disturbed, or will the usual suspects be in the running to lift the trophy come July 10 in the Stade de France.

There are six groups of four teams, with the top two teams of each group and the four best third-placed teams qualifying for the knockout stages, and while British eyes will be focused on the interests of the home nations (apart from Scotland, who failed to qualify), there are plenty of intriguing matchups elsewhere.

Group A sees the French hosts matched up against Romania, Albania and Switzerland; France should ease through this group, having impressed in their build-up for the tournament – however, cast your mind back to the 2002 World Cup where, as the holders, they failed to make it out of a group consisting of Denmark, Uruguay and Senegal.

That should mean there is a chance for second place, one that should be between Switzerland and the quietly-impressive Albania – perhaps the latter may just have a little too much street smarts for the Swiss.

Group B is the one that has most of Britain salivating, as England and

by GARETH JAMIESON

Wales battle it out with Russia and Slovakia for qualification. Given the opportunities for third-placed teams, there is no reason why both home nations shouldn't make it out of the group, but their eastern European rivals certainly won't make it easy for them.

England will be the favourites, but their notorious slow starts at tournaments could play into the other teams' hands, while Wales, spearheaded by Gareth Bale, will want to start the tournament against Slovakia with a bang if they are to finish in the automatic qualification spots.

In Group C, World Cup holders Germany face Ukraine, Poland and Northern Ireland in what is, for the Irish, perhaps the worst group they could have found themselves in. Both Germany and Poland will be jockeying for top spot, and with Ukraine being no pushovers themselves, it is unlikely that Northern Ireland will find themselves in action after the conclusion of the group stage – but stranger things have happened!

Group D sees the current European champions Spain go up against the Czech Republic, Turkey and Croatia in what could be described generously as a group of death. While on paper Spain should prosper, they are not the side that won this tournament four years ago and the other three teams will fancy their chances against the waning Spaniards.

Turkey have been on a fine run of form of late, their friendly defeat

against England their first loss in 18 months, as have Croatia, while the Czech Republic, probably the weakest team in the group on paper, are more than capable of upping their game.

Group E sees the tasty proposition of Belgium and Italy going up against each other, with Republic of Ireland and Sweden making up the rest of the group. While the former teams should negotiate the group stage with ease, the latter teams will certainly not give them a free pass; Martin O'Neill's Republic will provide tricky opposition while the Zlatan Ibrahimovich-led Swedes might not pull up any trees, but, with the self-proclaimed 'king' (and possible future Manchester United player) leading the line, could spring a surprise or two.

Last, but not least, Group F comprises of Portugal, Iceland, Austria and Hungary, with the Ronaldo-powered Portuguese favourites – but only just. Iceland made it out of their group by pipping the Netherlands, and as such have the guile (and the skills of Swansea's Gylfi Sigurdsson) to cause problems; Austria topped their qualifying group and shouldn't be discounted, while Hungary are ending their 44 year wait to compete in the Euros. They may be the poor relation in the group, but could have a say in who makes it into the knockout stage.

So an exciting tournament is ahead, and it all begins on June 10 at St-Denis as France take on Romania.

Predictions? Expect the winner to be one of Germany, Italy, France or Belgium and (in home interests) Wales and England to make it out of the group stage – now 'mettre sur le football'!

Boules club start their new season



LLANMAES held its opening boules match on Wednesday, June 1, at St Cattw's Village Hall in the village.

On hand was the ever-present cocker spaniel, Meg, who is usually in attendance and acts as the Llanmaes team mascot.

The opening match between the village and representatives of Barry Grammar School Old Boys ended as a draw but was nevertheless celebrated with a glass of wine afterwards.

"Llanmaes Boules is open to all irrespective of age or sex," said Tim Fowler, the boules organiser.

"We normally play on a Tuesday and Friday at 6pm. There is no fee and equipment and coaching is provided," he added.

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Pupils enjoy hockey festival

ONE hundred and fifty eight pupils from nine primary schools across the Vale, have taken part in the primary school hockey festivals held in Barry and Cowbridge.

Organised by Hockey Wales in partnership with Vale Council Sports Development team, the festivals forms part of the Dragon Sport programme.

Pupils from Romilly Primary School, Sully Primary School, Y Bont-faen Primary School and Ysgol Sant Baruc gathered at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School to take part in a series of seven-a-side hockey

matches with no goalkeepers, which made for some very open games.

Y Bont-faen was the overall dominant force, with their teams winning both festivals.

Dragon Sport is a Sport Wales scheme administered locally by the Vale Council's Sports Development team. It forms part of the Active Young People programme and aims to increase the number of seven-11 year olds participating in sport.

For details of opportunities to join children's hockey clubs in Barry, Cowbridge and Penarth, contact the Sports Development team on 01446 704728.

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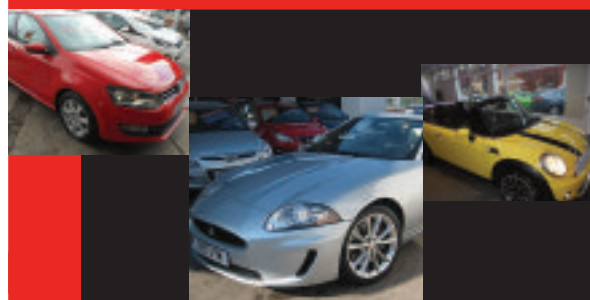


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Encouraging performance from Vale CC second team

VALE Cricket Club second XI put in an encouraging performance in their away defeat to Brecon by 57 runs last Saturday.

Despite the vast gap in experience between the two teams, the performance of a number of Vale's youngsters stood out.

After being asked to bat by Vale's skipper Carl Brooks, the home team were bowled out for 214.

Outstanding bowling by both Idris (2-30) and Gethin (1-25), Merry - who both play for Vale's under-15s - meant that Brecon never really dominated.

A good knock by the experienced Kenchington (58) ensured a par score. Late wickets came to Mark Francis (3-40) and debutant Greg Andrews (2-37).

A near-flawless fielding performance featured tireless work

from two other under-15s, Jac Burne and Ollie Piper, and 12th man Sunil More, who came on to replace injured Kevin Jones, chipped in with an excellent run out and catch.

After tea, Vale lost the early wicket of Huw James for 15, then Brooks (24) and Francis (25) came together in a productive and entertaining partnership of 46.

Both departed either side of drinks to shots they would rather forget. After Andrews chipped in with a useful 10, the under-15s played really well to get additional batting points.

Gethin Merry (13), Burne (7) and Idris Merry (10) all played good cricket shots, and a final flourish from Joe Merry (7) saw Vale to 157 all out.

Vale seconds entertain Machen this Saturday and will hope to build on this promising performance. **CB**

SWIM SAFE COMES TO BARRY ISLAND



SWIM SAFE, the free outdoor swimming and water safety programme for children, will be coming to Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, this summer.

The programme will run on the beach between July 28-29 and August 12-14.

The programme is a

partnership between Swim Wales, the Amateur Swimming Association and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Parents can book their children onto a Swim Safe session at www.Swimming.org/SwimSafe or come along on the day.

Bad week for bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR bowlers' League game was postponed on Thursday out of respect for the death and funeral of respected A team regular, Richie Gray.

On Saturday, Ynysybwyl were the visitors to Llantwit with ideal bowling conditions. We all enjoyed a very competitive game with the result going in favour of the visitors by just 1.5 shots.

On Tuesday, Llantwit were six players short of the required 16 players, but thanks to Ian Williamson spending time on the phone asking people to play, John Moison, a very new player, and Derek Lancaster, due to ill they were holding a six,

health and other commitments, played his first game for over a year. Derek, although a accomplished front end player, due to circumstances had to play third to Graham Snowdon, ably supported by Geoff Timms and Ambrose Horgan.

Graham's rink kept it close for four ends then dropped a four to go 6-2 down but fought back to 8-7 in arrears.

They then dropped a five and a one and a two on the next three ends, but the five remained the difference after the 21 ends, finishing 17-23.

Keith Alexander's four kept the game tight with only 30 shots scored on the 21 ends; after trailing 9-0 after six ends, they recovered somewhat to be in arrears by just five shots.

By the following end

but the Ynysybwyl skip played an excellent bowl to retrieve the situation, dropping just one shot. Keith with John Moison, Paul Brown and John Ball went down by four shots 13-17.

The fightback of the day was achieved by Pat Twomey's four of Ian Williamson, Lyn Fry and Dave Thomas; after being 10-1 down, they fought all the way to end the game just two shots in deficit, 19-21.

However, Llantwit's only winning rink of Andy Vincent, Ken Williams, John Nixon and Mike Harmon almost salvaged the game for Llantwit, winning by 10.5 shots, 21-10.5.

All members are asked to put their names down on the selection sheets for the forthcoming games.

WJB

Darts league holds its presentation evening...

THE Llantwit Major & District darts league recently held its 51st presentation.

Congratulations to the following recipients. 'A' league winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Kings Head A1. 'C' league winners Lamb & Flag C1, runners-up Lamb & Flag C2.

Ladies singles winner Tanya Daw, runner-up Sheryn Islip; ladies pairs winners Tanya Daw & Donna Ward, runners-up Ellen Martin & Carol Davies.

Ladies 3s winners Shoes St Athan C, runners-up Kings Head C1. Gents singles winner Peter Evans, runner-up Adam Rourke.

Gents pairs winners Steve Davie & Dai Sawyer, runners-up Brain Daniel & Simon Greenfield. Gents 3s winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Fox & Hounds.

Mixed pairs winners Allan Morgan & Becky Evans, runners-up Steve Davie & Tanya Daw. Alec McGaw winners Golden Cups, runners-up Wenvoe Arms.

The Cennydd Traherne winners Rugby Club A2, runners-up Kings Head C1.

Eddie Meredith winners Wenvoe Arms, runners-up Shoes,



MEURIG MORGAN

Peterston; champion of champions Wenvoe Arms.

A very enjoyable night was had by all; we would like to thank Councillor Gwyn John for presenting our trophies, it was very much appreciated.

Thanks once again to the Llantwit Major Rugby Club, and all its staff, who have been terrific hosts over the years.

Finally we said a fond farewell to Meurig Morgan who stood down as secretary after 24 years of dedicated service to the LMDDL.

Thanks to everybody who played in the LMDDL this season, the summer league is now underway with the winter league starting on the first Monday in September.

DMC

Dinas Powys Golf Club: ladies' results

ON May 3, an 18-hole medal 2 was held:

1st Vicki Ellison 98 - 29 = 69, 2nd Carolyn Jones 84 - 13 = 71, 3rd Annie Blackburn 94 - 21 = 73.

On May 3, a nine hole stableford: 1st Gwyneth Attwood, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Kit Roblin.

On May 10, 18 hole Peugeot foursomes stableford: 1st Angela Brown & Carole Reeves 34 pts, 2nd Maxine Hird & Lisa Ryley 32 pts, 3rd Sian Smith & Dorothy Amery 25 pts on back nine from Ruth Yates & Annie Blackburn (25).

On May 17, 18 hole championship qualifier gross: 1st Lisa Ryley 87 gross, 2nd Annie Blackburn 89 gross, on back nine from 3rd Sue Bridle 89 gross.

On May 17, 18 hole R.H.Seel Cup qualifier medal: 1st Annie Blackburn 89 - 21 =

68, 2nd Audrey Harwood 93 - 24 = 69 on back nine from Sian Smith and Dorothy Amery.

On May 17, nine hole stableford: 1st Chris Nelms 17 pts on back six from 2nd Terry Unwin 17 pts, 3rd Pam Warne 13 pts.

On May 24, 18 hole medal 4: 1st Sian Smith 89 - 22 = 67, 2nd Audrey Harwood 95 - 24 = 71, 3rd Annie Blackburn 97 - 21 = 76.

On May 24, nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Pam Warne.

On May 31, an 18 hole Golf Foundation brooch medal: 1st Sue Bridle 93 - 18 = 75, 2nd Dorothy Amery 101 - 26 = 75, 3rd Sian Smith 97 - 21 = 76.

On May 31, a nine hole stableford: 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Pam Warne.

RY

Hogan's haul helps Glamorgan to victory

A four-wicket haul for Michael Hogan and Dale Steyn's first three wickets for Glamorgan allowed their team to set up a simple victory against visitors, Hampshire.

Dismissed for just 141 off 18.3 overs, the Hampshire total was chased down by Glamorgan with relative ease.

A second successive T20 50 from Aneurin Donald allowed Glamorgan to reach the victory target with 23 balls remaining as a lively Cardiff crowd cheered their side home.

Having bowled just one over in Wednesday's defeat to Essex, Hogan was the pick of the Glamorgan bowlers as the Hampshire batsmen struggled to get him away.

Steyn returned at the end of the Hampshire innings to claim the wickets of Gareth Berg, Gareth Andrew and Tino Best but it was Hogan that ripped the heart of the visitor's batting.

Coming on first change he dismissed both openers, including the dangerous James Vince who looked well set when he was bowled by Hogan for 27 (23).

The Hampshire total could have been a lot less if not for the late order hitting of Pakistani superstar, Shahid Afridi. Coming to the crease with his 93-5 in the 13th over, Afridi made 32 from 20 balls before he too fell Hogan, well caught at long off by Colin Ingram.

The top scorer in the Hampshire innings was Adam Wheater who offered some stability after the big names at the top of the order failed. His innings of 39 off 26 balls looked like it was going to be the base around which a competitive total could be built but when he was stumped off the bowling of Dean Cosker it left too much for the lower order to do.

Hampshire would have been hopeful of mounting a defence of this total when they reduced Glamorgan to 9-2 in 2.1 overs.

Despite the loss of both David Lloyd and Jacques Rudolph the Welsh county did not slow up. Having made his first T20 half-century against Essex on Wednesday, Donald made it two in two with 55 runs from 27 balls.

He was lucky to make it that far; he top-edged a ball from Tino Best that landed between three fielders and then he hit the same bowler straight to Darren Sammy at mid-wicket when on 34 and the West Indies T20 captain dropped an easy chance.

Donald shared an excellent stand with Colin Ingram worth 94 runs from just 54 balls which finished the game

really stepped it up tonight," Ingram said. "The back end couple of overs Dale and Hogan really turned it on and there was a great partnership between myself and Aneurin. That was just two periods that really changed the game for us tonight."

"I hit them really well from the start," Donald added. "It is always nice to get off to a flyer, it takes the pressure off yourself a little bit."

"We did really well to restrict them to what we did. Especially Michael, and it was really great to see Dale on the board as well," he added.

PETER MILLER

Penarth take revenge on Llantwit bowlers

LLANTWIT MAJOR mens bowlers travelled to Penarth Rectory Road for their Wednesday Munro Cup game; after beating them on the previous Saturday in a friendly game Penarth took revenge winning on all rinks, 83-39.

Steve Booker's rink could not find their touch with the Penarth side playing on top form winning all but five ends.

Graham Jones' rink had a real battle being four shots down after five ends LLantwit then won the next three ends to be only one shot adrift. Penarth then won a few ends to be five up on the 12th end but Llantwit came back on the final few ends to lose by just one shot.

Neville Young's rink took the lead on the second end then lost it the next end before scoring a five on the eighth end to regain the lead. Penarth then took over winning by nine shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a nightmare of a match winning only one end up to the 14th end they then scored five shots over two ends to reduce the deficit to a

reasonable number.

On Saturday Llantwit played their first league match against Gelligaied Ystrad. This is the first time that Llantwit had played on their green which is an artificial one it was not to Llantwit's liking, losing 84-65.

Charles Hiscock's rink matched their opponents in the early stages of the game, taking a four shot lead after seven ends.

Llantwit then failed to score for nine ends before winning four of the final five ends to lose by seven shots.

Graham Jones' rink had a poor start, losing the first six ends. Llantwit then came more into the game winning nine of the final ends to reduce the deficit.

Steve Booker's rink also took time to adapt to the artificial green, being seven shots in arrears after 10 ends; they improved marginally after that to lose by only eight shots.

Neville Young's rink of D Mutlow, T.Thomas and A.Woods quickly attuned to the green with all players performing well. Although they were behind after six ends they were well in contention, taking the lead on the seventh end, a lead they held for the rest of the match to win by 11 shots.

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BRYNHILL LADIES RESULTS ROUND-UP

MAY 3, Bob Hope rose bowls, silver winner Gemma Evans 32pts; runner-up Julie Harkin 27 pts; bronze winner Liz Brown 35 pts, runner-up Margaret Codd 31 pts.

May 10, Australian spoons pairs competition - winners Liz Brown & Claire Herbert 32 pts, runners-up Robbie Lee & Margaret Codd 30 pts.

May 17, ladies captains prize - silver winner Sam Pascoe 36 pts, bronze winner Jane Phillips 34 pts.

May 24, John Collins Cup - winner Gemma Evans 72 pts, runner-up Claire Downton 74 pts

May 31, Holland & Tattersall Cup - winner Gemma Evans 36pts, runner-up Margaret Codd 32 pts. **ET**



FLYING THE FLAG FOR WALES!



Swedish loss not the best warm-up... but the real test starts on Saturday!

IT seemed almost kismet that Wales should end their warm-up for the European Championships in Sweden, the same country where, 58 years previously, they had given such a good account of themselves before, sans John Charles, being beaten by a Pele goal as Brazil marched towards their first World Cup triumph.

The ensuing 58 years have been far kinder to the Brazilians than to Wales (a history that requires no delving into), but with Wales seemingly having turned a corner, there is no reason to believe that the future for Chris Coleman's men is as bright as the yellow shirts worn by their opposition all those years ago.

It was another kind of yellow that provided the opposition on Sunday, that of Sweden, led by the indomitable Zlatan Ibrahimovich. Having also

qualified for the Euros, the main pull of this game (where the emphasis would be on avoiding injuries) was the possibility of Zlatan facing off against Gareth Bale, two titans of the game who arguably have lifted their respective teams to the successes that they have achieved recently. As it turned out, the much-vaunted match-up failed to come to pass, Ibrahimovich substituted before Bale came on for Wales.

By this stage, however, the match was seemingly gone, the Swedes 2-0 up against a Welsh team who had spent the majority of the game on the back foot. Bale's entrance into the fray immediately seemed to boost Welsh confidence, and unsurprisingly the team looked a far greater threat with the Real Madrid forward orchestrating the attacks.

A late goal for Sweden gave a final scoreline of 3-0, however, giving Welsh manager Chris Coleman plenty to ponder in advance of the first serious

by GARETH JAMIESON

game for Wales as they face the test of Slovakia in Bordeaux on Saturday.

The Slovaks will be buoyed somewhat by the performance that Wales delivered in the opening hour at the Friends Arena, though will need no reminding that a Bale-led Welsh, in the full thrust of competitive football, will put in a much more intense shift than they did in this encounter.

The warning signs were there early on, the clock barely registering a minute before Sweden got their first shot on target, and it was a performance that tested Wales' first choice rearguard immensely, the influential Ibrahimovich keeping James Chester busy.

Coleman will want to cut out the little mistakes in the build-up that cost Wales the goals, but will feel that his backline coped fairly well with the Swedish

attack (albeit on the back of a 3-0 loss). What was clearly on show, and something that has been the case since Wales qualified for the European Championships, is that without Bale leading the line, the attack looks toothless and blunt.

It was a hard shift with little reward for Sam Vokes, ploughing a furrow on his own in what seemed like a 5-4-1 formation, while the likes of Johnny Williams, Andy King, David Vaughn and Aaron Ramsey worked hard but failed to make much headway.

It wasn't until Bale was introduced that there was a cohesion to the Wales attack, and at that stage goals from the very-impressive Emil Forsberg and Mikael Lustig had put Sweden out of touch. That said, Bale was lively, always looking to go forward, and provided Wales with a much-needed burst of energy after a disjointed and lacklustre period to the game.

While it was a game to get the

rustiness out of the legs rather than a meaningful encounter, it's still worth noting that this was a defeat, and for Wales it is now no wins in the four games since beating Andorra 2-0 in the final qualifying game. That these four games have seen Wales short of not just Bale, but Hal Robson-Kanu and other first-choice players offers some mitigating circumstances, but also reaffirms the fact that we are lacking strength-in-depth.

Still, there is no reason for feeling downhearted (and certainly no reason for message board warriors to call for the sacking of Chris Coleman) – the games since qualification have been a learning curve and a chance for the younger players to get game time and give Coleman options for the future.

The real tests will come thick and fast, starting in Bordeaux on Saturday evening; a win there will soon see this result forgotten - and set Wales up for the test of England on the front foot.

Poignant club day for Cowbridge bowlers



The Llewellyn family pictured with club president Mansel Davey.

A special club day was held on Saturday, May 28 at Cowbridge Bowls Club.

In glorious weather, 50 members took part in a foursomes competition; 10 teams, with five members in each team, were split into two groups.

A round-robin competition took place within each group with each team playing the other four and some very close games ensued.

In group A the winners were led by Sue Flower and the runners-up were Joan Bradley and her team.

In group B the winning team was led by Bob Penn, which just edged out Helena Snelling and her team.

Players and spectators then shared an excellent lunch, prepared and

served by the lady members.

We then assembled for an acceptance speech by club president Mansel Davey in respect of a bench gifted to the club by the family of the late Mary Llewellyn, a much loved and popular member of the club.

In the afternoon the semi-finals took place which Bob Penn's and Sue Flowers' teams won.

Bob's team of Sylvia Hole, Corrie Bufton, Rob Lewis and Anthony Davies came out the winners in the final and a new cup, the Eric and Dorothy Sewell Trophy, was presented to the winners by Mansel Davey.

There was also special thanks and appreciation for Alan Wallace, who organized the event.

AW/MB

T20 loss for the midweek team

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club midweek T20 team in the Cardiff and Vale League started poorly with a convincing loss to the home team Llantwit Cavaliers.

Early season rustiness, especially with the bat, saw Cowbridge set a low target for the home team. Only Zac Summerhayes, with 21 runs, posed any problems to the home team bowlers in a total of 63 all out. Llantwit cruised to the total in 11 overs with home captain J Griffiths leading the way with 39 runs in a total of 64 for 3.

Next up was a home cup match against Penarth who fielded many good youngsters in their side. Big hitting by openers J Davies (43) and J Huckstable (74) with an opening stand of 82 runs, set a target of 145 for 8.

David Kendrick, back on home soil, took three wickets for 14 runs and Zac took 3 for 2. Cagney captaincy by Richard Skone saw him bring on three 15-year-

olds who took the pace out of the bowling, making run-getting difficult.

Only captain Owen Rutley made any inroads towards the total, Cowbridge finishing on 83 all out, a loss by 79 runs. M Crisp (3 for 8) and G Cross (3 for 13) caused the damage.

A home game against friendly opponents Barry West End saw

Cowbridge reach 138 for 7 with Rhidian Thomas gaining a career best 45 not out. Veteran Neil Holmes bagged 4 for 20 for the visitors.

Opening pair Henry Dawson (41) and Dafydd Frost (20) set up an interesting reply but much tighter bowling, especially from Jack Harris (3 for 24) restricted the visitors to 121 for 3 and

victory by 17 runs.

Our next opponents were the reformed Wick CC with the game played on the delightful setting of the village green.

Cowbridge played with only 10 men but just had enough in the bag to win by 15 runs.

Zac Summerhayes had a good game with bat and ball, scoring 27 runs and bowling last to restrict Wick with

figures of (4, 0, 14, 1).

Other contributions came from John Welch (23) and Andy Harrison (19) in a total of 126 for 6. M Williams (33) and S Richmond (42) looked to give Wick the victory, but their dismissals saw the Cowbridge bowlers tighten their grip in the fading light and restrict the home team to 111 for 5.

JB

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE ladies played three matches, all away, last week but success breeds success and they won two of them.

In the Tuesday Cowbridge Shield match in Bridgend, Cowbridge lost on all three rinks but Pat Holdsworth's quartet of Dorothy Pritchard, Diane Radley, Jan Lewis and Pat only lost by two shots. Rink score: 19-21, match score Cowbridge 38, Bridgend Municipal 79.

There was a return to good form on Thursday in a league match at the Penarth Rectory Road Club with Cowbridge winning on two of three rinks.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson 22-12; Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Pat Holdsworth and Sue Flower 9-18; Sian Lewis, Diane Lloyd, Joy

Woolford and Joan Bradley 19-12. Match score: 50-42.

A Friday two rink Evening League game was played at Millwood, Barry. It was another good overall win for Cowbridge, with Sue Flower's rink only losing by one shot.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Sylvia Hole and Kay Edwards 21-7; Lynda Wilson, Sian Lewis, Shirley Wilkinson and Sue Flower 10-11. Match score: Cowbridge 31, Millwood 18.

The men played two matches last week. The first was a midweek Munro Cup game at home where Sully were the visitors.

A team with a small squad and who are no strangers to playing on a carpet, they play regularly together both indoors and outdoors.

Cowbridge did pick up four points with wins on two rinks but

lost on the other two.

The winning Cowbridge rinks were: Terry Dunsforth, Tom Purnell, Bryan Hole and Norman Wilkinson 19-16; Gerry Lloyd, Ron Woolford, Ron Frayling and Bob Penn 17-9. Match score: Cowbridge 54, Sully 77.

The first league match was played last Saturday away to Taffs Well. The match was played on a new grass green which was both heavy and wet and yet there had been no overnight rain.

Only one Cowbridge rink gave a good account of themselves – Gerry Lloyd, Bryan Hole, John Trott and Alan Wallace lost by just three shots, 20-23. We were no match for Taffs Well on the other three.

The ladies have three games at home this week while the men have two tough away fixtures.

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